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TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Tallahassee, Florida

July 1, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells reported that there are a number of sales advertised to be held today, the first three being for competitive bids.

Based on offer of \$200.00 an acre from Roy R. Thomas, presented to the Trustees May 13, 1952, it was agreed to advertise Citrus County land for competitive bids. Notice of sale was published in the Inverness Chronicle on May 29, June 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the land out with a starting bid of \$200.00 per acre. Competitive bidding resulted in an offer of \$300.00 an acre from Irvin Garten, which was the highest bid received.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the highest bid and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Garten.

Pursuant to application from Howard Torn presented to the Trustees May 6, 1952, with offer of \$30.00 an acre for St. Lucie County land, it was agreed to advertise the lots for competitive bids. Notice of the sale was published in the Fort Pierce News Tribune on May 30, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1952, with bids to be received on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the land out, starting with a bid of \$30.00 an acre. The bid was raised twenty-five cents or to \$30.25 an acre by Irvin Garten, which was the highest bid received.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept offer of \$30.25 an acre from Mr. Garten for the land advertised.

Pursuant to application presented to the Trustees May 13, 1952, from Charles A. Savage who offered \$10.00 an acre for Marion County land, it was agreed to advertise the tract for competitive bids. Notice

of intention to sell the land was published in Ocala Star-Banner on May 30, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

The land was called out and the bid was raised to \$19.25 an acre by Irvin Garten.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept offer of \$19.25 an acre for the land and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Garten.

Pursuant to application presented to the Trustees May 20, 1952, from John L. Gardner who offered \$150.00 an acre for Volusia County land, it was agreed to advertise the area for competitive bids and objections. Notice was published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on May 30, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1952, with sale to be held on this date; and copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the land out and stated that no objections have been filed to the sale. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$600.00 an acre being made by Mr. I. Walter Hawkins.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept offer of \$600.00 an acre from Mr. Hawkins for the land advertised.

Based on application presented to the Trustees May 13, 1952, from Anderson Bouchelle, on behalf of I. Walter Hawkins, who offered \$150.00 an acre for Volusia County land, it was agreed to advertise the two parcels for objections only as required by law. Notice was published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on May 30, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

The land was called out and objections were filed to the sale from C. A. Vincent, Jr., on behalf of John L. Gardner.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the matter be held over pending disposition of the objections filed.

Based on application submitted to the Trustees May 6, 1952 from Thomas W. Butler, on behalf of Sarasota Affiliates, Incorporated, who offered \$100.00 an acre for Sarasota County land, it was agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law. Notice was published in the Sarasota Herald on May 30, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the land out and reported that no objections have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize sale in favor of Sarasota Affiliates, Incorporated, at a price of \$100.00 for the parcel.

Based on application presented to the Trustees May 6, 1952, from Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County with offer of \$20.00 for conveyance of submerged land, it was agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only, as required by law. Notice was published in the Sarasota Herald on May 30, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the land out and reported that objections have been filed by Dye and Dye, claiming that the land proposed to be sold to the county is owned by their client, W. D. Blackburn, with request that sale be not made to the county.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees hold the matter in abeyance pending action to be taken on the protest filed by Mr. Blackburn; however, in the event injunction is not filed by parties objecting that sale be made to the county for public purposes only.

Pursuant to application presented to the Trustees May 28, 1942, from William H. Beardall, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Kemper, who offered \$300.00 an acre for Orange County land, it was agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law. Notice was published in the Orlando Sentinel on May 30, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

The land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that no objections have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. and Mrs. Kemper at the price offered.

Pursuant to application presented to the Trustees May 20, 1952, from Russell O. Morrow, on behalf of John Couse, who offered \$500.00 an acre for Palm Beach County land, it was agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law. Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on May 30, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the land out and reported that no objections have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Couse, as the adjacent upland owner, at the price offered.

Based on application presented to the Trustees May 20, 1952, from Russell O. Morrow, on behalf of Port of Palm Beach District, it was agreed to advertise the area for objections only as required by law. Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on May 30, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1952, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the land out and reported that no objections have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described in favor of the Port of Palm Beach District, without cost, the deed to contain the restriction that the property will be used for public purposes only.

Pursuant to application submitted to the Trustees May 6, 1952 from Charles C. Zurbrigg, who offered \$100.00 an acre for Pinellas County land, it was agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law. Notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on May 30, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the land out and reported that no protests have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize sale of the parcel in favor of Mr. Zurbrigg at a price of \$100.00.

Based on application presented to the Trustees May 6, 1952, from Carl Brenner who offered \$200.00 an acre for Pinellas County land, it was agreed to advertise the two tracts for objections only, as required by law. Notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on May 30, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1952, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

The land was called out with information that no protests have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Brenner at the price offered.

Pursuant to application from Arthur Gladstone, presented to the Trustees May 6, 1952, with offer of \$100.00 an acre for Pinellas County land, it was agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law. Notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on May 30, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1952, with sale to be held

this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the land out and stated that no objections have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Gladstone at the price offered.

Pursuant to application presented to the Trustees May 6, 1952, from F. J. Wilson who offered \$100.00 an acre for Pinellas County land, it was agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law. Notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on May 30, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1952, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the land out and reported that no objections have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Wilson at the price offered for the land described.

Pursuant to application presented to the Trustees May 20, 1952, from Archie Clement, on behalf of A. L. Ellis who offered \$100.00 an acre for Pinellas County land, it was agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law. Notice was published in the Tarpon Springs Ledger on May 30, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1952, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the land out and stated that no objections have been filed to the sale, however that telegram was received from Mr. Clement asking that the sale be held up pending receipt of letter from him.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Ellis at the price offered, pending receipt of letter from Mr. Clement.

Offer of \$150.00 an acre was presented from Leo M. Butler, on behalf of William Niles, for purchase of 1.10 acres of submerged land in Indian Rocks South Shore Subdivision, Section 19, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only, the applicant being the adjacent upland owner.

Application was presented from Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Joel Phillips, who offers \$150.00 an acre for 0.73 of an acre of submerged land in Indian Rocks Shore Subdivision, Section 24, Township 30 South, Range 14 East, Pinellas County, adjacent to his upland ownership.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for sale subject to objections only.

Offer of \$200.00 an acre was presented from W. R. McElroy, on behalf of Charles Batistic, for purchase of 2.43 acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Chas. Ballough's Subdivision, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for sale subject to objections only, based on the offer submitted.

Offer of \$100.00 an acre was presented from Claude A. Gandolfo for purchase of 2.5 acres, and 0.9 of an acre of bay bottom land adjacent to his upland property in Section 34, Township 64 South, Range 35 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the two parcels for objections only, based on the offer received.

Application was presented from John D. Kennedy that his grazing Lease No. 772-A covering Broward County land, be extended to December 14, 1965, expiration date of the original lease being December 14, 1950.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant request and set the lease up on the basis of fifteen (15) years from original date of issue under the same terms and conditions.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for conveyance of submerged land in Section 15, Township 14 South, Range 32 East, Volusia County, to be used as right of way for re-building Ormond Bridge.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the submerged area desired, being described as a strip six hundred (600) feet wide across Halifax River at Ormond Beach, Florida, for use in connection with Ormond Beach Causeway—SRD No. 1—Sec. 7915.

Information was presented from Kinzie Brothers Steamer Line, that its Shell Lease No. 495, Lee County, has been assigned to John

A. Benton and now Mr. Benton desires to make assignment of his interest to Fort Myers Shell Company, a Florida Corporation.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve assignment of Lease No. 495 to Fort Myers Shell Company, all terms and conditions of original lease to be in full force and effect.

B. F. Hart, holder of Grazing Lease No. 796 applies for five-year extension of his ten-year lease dated May 15, 1951, and requests that said lease be divided, he to assign part of the area to J. D. Hawkins. The lease covers land in Townships 49 and 50 South, Range 40 East, Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of lease as requested, setting up Lease No. 796 as a fifteen year lease from original date of issuance, and give approval for assignment to Mr. Hawkins of a portion of the area covered by said lease.

Mr. Elliot presented information that under the will of Dr. H. N. Mills, recently deceased, request was made that Whiskey Stump Key, Hillsborough County, be conveyed to the National Audubon Society as a wildlife refuge. In 1946 the Trustees issued five year lease to the Audubon Society, with option for renewal, and it is recommended that upon application from the Audubon Society the Trustees lease Whiskey Stump Key, and the marginal waters surrounding the same, to be used only for preservation and protection of wildlife under supervision of the National Audubon Society; lease to be perpetual so long as used for the purpose of wildlife protection.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the recommendation of Mr. Elliot as the action of the board and authorize issuance of a lease as outlined to take the place of existing lease to the Society.

Mr. Elliot presented two letters, one to Governor Warren dated June 28, 1952, from D. A. McDougal, and the other addressed to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, same date, from V. McDougal urging that the Trustees see that the mineral rights reserved in lands conveyed to the United States for Everglades National Park be protected in order that oil companies may have permission to drill on these lands.

Mr. Ervin reported that following correspondence with the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, information was received that Mr. Wirth is now in Alaska; that a letter from the Governor to Mr. Wirth urged that he come to Florida and appear before the Trustees early in August for the purpose of discussing this subject.

Mr. Elliot recommended that the Trustees continue participation in cooperative agreement with the United States Geological Survey for investigation of water resources. The program is outlined for participation on a fifty-fifty basis by the Trustees and local interests in the area under investigation, or \$4,500.00, which amount will be matched by the Federal Government, making a total of \$9,000.00 for the work.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize participation on the basis explained by Mr. Elliot, not to exceed \$2,250.00.

Mr. Elliot requested approval for employing two Florida State University summer students, to be used in indexing and filing ancient records in the sub-basement, payment to be at the rate of seventy-five cents (75¢) an hour; also approval for destroying old cancelled railroad bonds, coupons and records no longer of any value.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize employment of the students as requested by Mr. Elliot and approve destroying old records mentioned.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following bills be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Simmons & Weeks, Belle Glade, Florida	
Payment for machinery, Project No. 1	\$14,971.50
John T. Pickett, Pahokee, Florida	
Engineering services, Project No. 2	891.00
(Less 10% retained)	
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	\$15,862.50

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of land under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Charlotte	4-7-52	1
Duval	4-17-52	47
Duval	5-14-52	6
Duval	5-28-52	1
Flagler	5-26-52	2
Sarasota	5-27-52	4
Wakulla	5-5-52	3
Washington	5-31-52	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize

execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following deeds be executed for the purpose of releasing state road right of way reserved in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department:

Palm Beach County Q.C. Deed No. 584 to Ashton F. Cornell & wife

Pt. Palm Beach Co. Q.C. Deed No. 683 to William Gardner & wife

Palm Beach County Q.C. Deed No. 2113 to Joel R. McKnight & wife

Request was presented from Byron Butler that the Trustees issue quitclaim deed in favor of his client, Lonnie Houck, for conveying the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, Township 5 South, Range 8 East, Taylor County. Offer of \$100.00 was presented for said deed with the explanation that the Clerk of the Circuit Court allowed the applicant to redeem this land from a 1935 tax sale certificate but failed to require redemption of an older certificate.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of quitclaim deed in favor of Mr. Houck upon payment of \$100.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Liberty County certificates certified to the state under the Murphy Act, the Attorney General's office having approved such action.

Mr. Elliot reported that litigation is pending with reference to Okaloosa County land now being advertised for sale, and it is recommended that the Clerk be notified to withhold said land from sale pending further investigation.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that sale of the land in question be withheld as suggested by Mr. Elliot.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

RICHARD W. ERVIN
Attorney General—Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

July 8, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor

C. M. Gay, Comptroller

Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated June 17 and 24, 1952, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Upon motion, duly adopted, minutes approved.

Mr. Wells presented offer of \$200.00 an acre from William R. McElroy for 1.6 acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to have the land advertised for objections only, based on offer from Mr. McElroy.

Application was presented from Paul E. Sawyer with offer of \$25.00 an acre for ten acres of bay bottom land adjacent to his upland property in Section 34, Township 66 South, Range 27 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to advertise the parcel for objections only provided applicant will agree to pay \$100.00 an acre for the land.

Stanley J. Smitzes, on behalf of Louis Smitzes, offers \$25.00 an acre for 0.46 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 11, Township 27 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to advertise the land for objections only, provided applicant will agree to bid \$100.00 an acre for the parcel.

Offer of \$300.00 an acre was presented from Fletcher G. Rush, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Ted C. Hoffner, for purchase of 0.375 of an acre of Lake Conway bottom land in Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County, adjacent to upland property of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only, based on the offer submitted.

James W. Moore offers fifty cents (50¢) per acre for ten-year grazing lease on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 33 South, Range 29 East, Highlands County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of shell lease in favor of Mr. Moore at the price offered but for a term of five (5) years rather than ten years as requested, the lease to be subject to cancellation in the event the land is sold.

Request was presented from Herbert D. Beck, on behalf of George Arceneaux and Louise A. Arceneaux, for conveyance of Lot 1-A, Block 1, unrecorded plat by Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Sections 5, 8 and 17, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, comprising a triangle about 6 feet by 8 feet by 3 or 4 feet. Applicant offers \$1.00 for the small parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the lot as applied for by Mr. Beck.

Offer of \$10.00 per acre was presented from Duncan McQuagge, on behalf of Barney Buchanan, for purchase of Lot 15, Section 4, Township 4 South, Range 15 West, Bay County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the lot for sale subject to competitive bids, starting at \$10.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells called attention to miscellaneous lots and small acreages in Okeechobee County that were acquired under the Murphy Act; that he, Mr. Elliot and Mr. Williams have worked out a plan for auctioning off these small parcels down there and they recommend that a base bid be agreed on and the land advertised for sale at Okeechobee City on a certain date. Bids will be received and brought up to the Trustees for confirmation.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement and sale of the parcels as recommended by Mr. Wells and Mr. Elliot.

Mr. Elliot reported that at the meeting April 29, 1952, the Trustees authorized participation in the construction cost of levee work being done by Shawano Drainage District, which will comprise a two and one-half mile levee along the north boundary of Section 19, Section 20, and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 21, Township 45 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County. The State of Florida owns Sections 18 and 17, and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 16, Township 45 South, Range 38 East, contiguous to and immediately north of the levee, and will be protected and benefitted by said work. An agreement has been prepared and is submitted for consideration of the Trustees fixing the cost of the levee at \$12,240.18, one-half of which the Trustees agreed to pay. The proposal also calls for participation on a fifty-fifty basis in the cost of subsequent maintenance of the levee to be constructed as well as another portion of levee already completed along the north boundary of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 21, and along the west boundary of Section 15, Township 45 South, Range 38 East, which levee is contiguous to the East boundary of Section 16 and the south boundary of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 16, Township 45 South, Range 38 East, owned by the State.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the agreement with Shawano Drainage District as outlined by Mr. Elliot, subject to approval of the form by the Attorney General.

Judge Rivers Buford informed the Trustees that in all the correspondence and copies of letters he has read from the National Park Service in connection with proposal from Commonwealth Oil Company for contract to explore for oil in the vicinity of the Park, they are protesting a lease to drill but have not made any objection to the proposed contract. He urged that early action be taken on their bid and application for contract.

Judge Buford was assured that the Trustees were doing everything possible to arrive at a solution of this problem and that Mr. Conrad Wirth of the National Park Service has been invited to come to Tallahassee in August for discussing with the Trustees the subject of oil exploration in that area; that all interested parties will be notified when a date is fixed for the meeting.

Attorney General Ervin called attention to the matter of deed from the Trustees to the City of Dania, Broward County, Florida, for conveying 28.5 acres of beach-front property in Section 36, Township 50 South, Range 42 East. Suit has been instituted by George H. Earle, III, against the Trustees, to prohibit transfer of the land from the Trustees to the City of Dania, and the attorney has asked that the Attorney General's office accept service in the case. The litigation is really between the City of Dania and the parties protesting, but if it is alright with the board the Attorney General will accept service and file answer.

Motion was made by Comptroller Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Attorney General be authorized to accept service in the case and do whatever is necessary in connection with the litigation.

Attorney General Ervin stated that he would like to have the same authority in the case of Rachael T. Beatty vs. Fuller Warren, et al., as Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, in which litigation Thomas O. Berryhill, George W. Leaird, J. A. Fitzsimmons and Joe Sears represent clients. The land involved is located in New River Sound, Section 13, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Attorney General be given authority to take whatever steps he deems necessary in representing the Trustees in the case described.

Governor Warren stated that he desired to present another matter and offer it for the minutes if there are no objections. On June 25, 1952 the Tallahassee Democrat, a local newspaper, published this statement: "Not until June 17th did the press and public learn that Gay and Warren had decided to let the money be spent, not until June 24 was final action taken in open meeting." Pursuant to reading that statement I sent the following letter to the editor of the Tallahassee Democrat, Tallahassee, Florida, dated June 26, 1952.

Sir:

The Tallahassee Democrat of June 25, 1952, published the following statement: "Not until June 17 did the press and public learn that Gay and Warren had decided to let the money be spent." This statement implies that Comptroller C. M. Gay and myself "had decided to let the money be spent" before June 17. This implication is untrue. We did not decide until June 17, 1952, that we had the authority to disburse the money authorized on June 3, by the trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for improvements to the Capitol. So, it was impossible for the press and public to learn of this decision until June 17 for the simple reason it was not made until June 17.

The Tallahassee Democrat of June 25 also contained this statement: "Not until June 24 was final action taken in open meeting." This statement implies that there was unnecessary delay in taking final action on the release of funds for improvements to the Capitol. This implication also is untrue. Action was taken at the very next meeting after Mr. Gay and I reached the conclusion that we had the authority to disburse funds for this purpose.

It is hoped that you will correct these misleading impli-

cations. If you are not willing to publish a correction, it is requested that you publish this letter.

Yours truly,

FULLER WARREN
Governor

I will say that that letter was mailed on the 26th and so far as I know no correction has been made and so far as I know it has not been published as an ad. Mr. Gay, may I inquire of you this, is it your recollection that you released to the press the day that we reached the conclusion that we had the authority to disburse this money, the fact that we had reached that conclusion?

Gay: Yes. We met in your office at the preceding cabinet meeting and found that we could release the funds and as I recall then later Mr. Kilgore asked me about it and I told him that it had been done.

Warren: It was the same date?

Gay: Immediately after the cabinet meeting as I was going out that Mr. Kilgore asked me and I told him that it had been released.

Gov: Was this placed on the agenda at the very next meeting for action pursuant to our decision, the conclusion that we reached?

Gay: I believe so.

Gov: I will ask you if the minutes show that the next meeting after June 17 was June 24, is that correct? I without objection offer that letter to be incorporated in the minutes.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the following deeds executed for the purpose of releasing state road right of way reserved in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department:

Pt. Broward County Q.C. Deed No. 1064 to Joseph N. Lavan
Broward County Q.C. Deed No. 1385 to Anton Naumann
Pt. Broward County Q.C. Deed No. 1386 to Anton Naumann
Pt. Broward County Q.C. Deed No. 2122 to H. J. Williams
& wife

Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 3143 to H. P. H. Pederson
Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 3144 to Carrie B. Yeiser
Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 3156 to Barney Losak
Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 3201 to Michael Lewin and
Sam Rabenovich

Duval County Q.C. Deed No. 1043 to Ronald F. S. Harman
Pt. Hamilton Co. Q.C. Deed No. 192 to Atlantic Coast Line
Railroad Co.

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 08-Ch. 21684 to Lee &
Pomeroy, Inc.

Pt. Indian River Co. Q.C. Deed No. 232 to Ocean Corp., a Fla. Corp.

Pt. Indian River Co. Q.C. Deed No. 232 to The River Corp., a Fla. Corp.

Pt. Indian River Co. Q.C. Deed No. 246 to Jennie Hanewacker
Pt. Pinellas County Q.C. Deed No. 2715 to Helen L. Merry

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution and delivery of the following correction deeds as approved by the Attorney General's office:

Broward County Deed No. 1536-A to Octavious Thurston
Hillsborough County Deed No. 625-B to John H. Gullette.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the following bill be approved and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Tallahassee, Fla.
Expenses, Franklin County investigation \$11.24

Request was presented from the State Road Department for right of way across Murphy Act land in Calhoun County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department, comprising land designated as that part of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, Township 2 South, Range 9 West, lying within 40 feet each side of the survey line of State Road No. 275-Sec. 4702-SRD No. 9.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees July 1, 1952, at which time there was referred to the Attorney General the question of title to Government Lot 6, Section 17, Township 2 South, Range 24 West, Okaloosa County, the following recommendation was made by the Attorney General:

WHEREAS: Title to a certain parcel of land, to wit:
Beginning on the North line of Lot 6 of Section 17 of Township 2 South of Range 24 West in Okaloosa County, Florida, 400 feet West of the Northeast corner of said lot, thence run West along the North line of said Lot 510 feet more or less, thence South 1100 feet more or less to the North Right of way line of the State Road traversing the said lot in an East and West direction, thence Easterly along the North right of way line of the said highway to a point thereon which is 400 feet West of the East line of said lot, thence Northerly to point of beginning.

has been in the same person or that person's immediate family since 1885. Except for one tax sales certificate and one un-

certified tax lien hereinafter referred to, taxes have been paid, and

WHEREAS: Tax certificates were issued in 1928 and 1933, on said property, and,

WHEREAS: John M. Coe as Trustee of the estate of Mary E. Rogers alleges he made application for all back taxes, and was furnished with a statement of same which only included the 1933 certificate and omitted the 1928 certificate, and,

WHEREAS: The 1933 certificate was redeemed on May 9, 1935.

WHEREAS: The 1935 taxes are listed on the tax roll as "Tax Delinquent" although no tax certificate has been issued, and,

WHEREAS: Taxes have been paid from 1937 through 1951, both years included, and,

WHEREAS: The best information indicates that title probably passed to the State under the 1928 tax sale certificate, although some doubt still exists, and,

WHEREAS: It seems that the doubt should be resolved in favor of the former owner, NOW, THEREFORE, I RECOMMEND:

1. That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund direct the Clerk of the Circuit Court, as agent for the Trustees, to advise the applicant for sale on July 7 that said sale is cancelled and that the Clerk refund to the applicant the amount deposited with him as base bid and costs in his application to have the land advertised for sale July 7.

2. That the Trustees authorize the Clerk to accept from John M. Coe, as Trustee for Edward A. Rogers, Hattie E. Rogers, Ezra L. Rogers, Daniel E. Rogers and Mrs. Emma Rogers, and their respective successors in title, a fixed base bid approximately equal to the amount required to have redeemed a 1928 tax certificate on May 9, 1935; the amount required to redeem as of the present date the 1935 un- certificated lien; and costs of the sale.

That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund delete from said Murphy Act deed for said lands the reservation of mineral rights upon payment of sufficient consideration.

Mr. Elliot stated that Mr. John M. Coe, Trustee for the Rogers estate, has offered \$100.00 to clear the land of the State's equity under the Murphy Act; that the amount offered is in excess of taxes that should have been paid the State plus an amount for releasing the oil and mineral rights.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the recommendation of the Attorney General be adopted as the

action of the Trustees and that sale of the land be proceeded with using the base bid of \$100.00.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

FULLER WARREN
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

July 15, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor

C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells reported that land applied for May 28, 1952, by Jack Cox of Owensboro, Kentucky, with offer of \$50.00 an acre, was authorized advertised for competitive bids. Notice was published in the Fort Lauderdale News on June 13, 20, 27, July 4 and 11, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office, Broward County.

The land was called out for bids separately on the two sections and the high bid on each was made by Irvin Garten as follows:

S½ of Section 12—Bid of \$58.00 an acre;
S½ of Section 14—Bid of \$93.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bids as offered by Mr. Garten.

Pursuant to application presented to the Trustees June 10, 1952, from Jess Mathas of DeLand, Florida, on behalf of Paul Fearington of DeLand, who offered \$10.00 an acre for Volusia County land, it was agreed to advertise the parcel for competitive bids and objections. Notice was published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on June 15, 22, 29, July 6 and 13, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office.

The land was called out and a bid of \$11.00 an acre was presented from Theodore R. Hartley. Competitive bidding resulted in the highest offer of \$13.00 an acre being made by Mr. Fearington. Mr. Wells reported that no objections have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the highest bid and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Fearington.

Pursuant to application presented to the Trustees June 10, 1952, from Bernie C. Papy of Key West, who offered \$200.00 an acre, it was agreed to advertise the island for competitive bids and objections. Notice was published in the Key West Citizen on June 15, 22, 29, July 6 and 13, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office. Monroe County.

The land was called out and an offer of \$425.00 per acre was presented from Lt. Theodore R. Hartley of Pensacola, Florida. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$3205.00 an acre from Joe Kelleher. No objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Kelleher, subject to checking with Mr. Scoggin, director of the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials, as to whether or not the island is one selected for the proposed Overseas Parkway.

Pursuant to application presented to the Trustees May 20, 1952, from Russell O. Morrow, on behalf of client, Lakefront Development Corporation, who offered \$100.00 an acre for Palm Beach County land, it was agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law. Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on June 12, 19, 26, July 3 and 10, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office.

The land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of applicant at the price offered.

Based on offer of \$100.00 an acre presented to the Trustees June 3, 1952, from Nathan Natapow of Safety Harbor, Florida, it was agreed to advertise land for objections only as required by law. Notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on June 13, 20, 27, July 4 and 11, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office. Pinellas County.

Mr. Wells called the land out and reported that no objections have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Nathan Natapow at the price offered.

Pursuant to application presented to the Trustees May 28, 1952, from J. C. Rogers of Lakeland, Florida, who offered \$50.00 an acre

for submerged land in Lake Parker, it was agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law. The following notice was published in the Lakeland Ledger on June 12, 19, 26, July 3 and 10, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office.

The land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale in Polk County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Rogers at the price offered.

Pursuant to application presented to the Trustees May 28, 1952, from Ralph A. Marsicano of Tampa, Florida, with offer of \$125.00 an acre for Pinellas County land, it was agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law. Notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on June 12, 19, 26, July 3 and 10, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office.

The land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Marsicano at the price offered.

Based on application presented to the Trustees May 28, 1952, from Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Neal E. Routson, who offered \$150.00 an acre for Pinellas County land, it was agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law. Notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on June 12, 19, 26, July 3 and 10, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office.

The land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Routson as the adjacent upland owner.

Pursuant to application presented to the Trustees June 10, 1952, from Wilbur C. Stone of St. Petersburg, Florida, on behalf of Stephen S. Girard and wife and George B. Coover and wife, who offered \$200.00 an acre for land adjacent to their upland property, it was agreed to advertise two parcels for objections only as required by law. Notice was published in the St. Petersburg Times on June 16, 23, 30, July 7 and 14, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the land out and reported that no objections have been filed to the sale of either parcel in Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted,

that the Trustees accept the offer of \$200.00 an acre for the land and confirm sale in favor of clients of Mr. Stone.

Pursuant to application from N. A. Braswell of Venice, Florida, presented to the Trustees June 10, 1952, with offer of \$50.00 for Sarasota County land, it was agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law. Notice was published in the Sarasota Herald on June 16, 23, 30, July 7 and 14, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the land out and reported that no objections have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Braswell.

Pursuant to application presented to the Trustees May 28, 1952, from Roy Construction Company of Sarasota, Florida, with offer of \$200.00 an acre, it was agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on June 12, 19, 26, July 3 and 10, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office.

The land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that no objections have been filed to the sale in Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and confirm sale in favor of Roy Construction Company.

Pursuant to application presented to the Trustees June 3, 1952, from Anderson Bouchelle, on behalf of Loyal Order of Moose, who offered \$200.00 an acre for Volusia County land, it was agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law. Notice was published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on June 13, 20, 27, July 4 and 11, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office.

The land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that telegram has been received from Wm. W. Judge objecting to the sale on behalf of the City of Daytona Beach; also objections filed by Alfred E. Hawkins, on behalf of John Lee Bond and wife, on the ground that sale of the land advertised would dispose of and destroy the riparian rights of his clients.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees continue the sale pending disposition of the objections filed.

Application was presented from G. E. Bryant, Jr., Okeechobee, Florida, on behalf of Mrs. R. T. Lightsey, who offers \$40.00 an acre for 2.49 acres of lake bottom land in Section 17, and 3.71 acres in Sections 17 and 18, all in Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, adjacent to upland ownership.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only, based on offer from applicant.

Offer of \$2.00 an acre was presented from Victor Blue of Jacksonville, Florida, on behalf of H. B. Stokes, for purchase of all unsurveyed Section 6, Township 6 South, Range 29 East, containing 560 acres in St. Johns County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bids provided applicant will agree to bid not less than \$10.00 an acre.

Application was presented from John F. Burkett, Jr., of Sarasota, Florida, on behalf of Eagle Point, Inc., who offers \$250.00 an acre for two parcels of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 7, Township 39 South, Range 19 East, containing 0.42 of an acre and 0.92 of an acre in Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offer submitted.

Offer of \$100.00 an acre was presented from Edwin J. Williams of Daytona Beach, Florida, for approximately 2 acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland property described as Lots 22, 23, 24, Block 3, Wilbur-By-The-Sea, 2nd Addition, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only, based on offer submitted.

Request was presented from John Schmarje of Bristol, Florida, for non-exclusive five-year lease to secure mussel shells for commercial purposes in the Chipola River bottoms and Dead Lakes of Calhoun and Gulf Counties, also the river bottoms of Ochlockonee River from its mouth to the Georgia line. The royalty rate offered for the period to January 1955 is \$3.00 per ton of two thousand pounds and at the end of said period the rate of royalty to be renegotiated. Surety bond in amount of \$1000.00 will be deposited with the Trustees to insure performance of the contract.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of non-exclusive lease as applied for.

Application was presented from W. P. Allen, Bartow, Florida, on behalf of Joe R. Sherertz, who offers \$210.00 for 14 acres in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 26 East, on Lake Buffum, Polk County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the land for objections only based on the offer submitted, no water bottom area to be included.

Offer of \$5.00 an acre was presented from Mrs. Marie Berrier of Jacksonville, Florida, for purchase of Lot 1, Section 19—150.17 acres; Lot 1, Section 20—12.83 acres; Lot 8, Section 29—145.41 acres, and Lot 1, Section 30—361.50 acres, all in Township 1 South, Range 28 East, containing a total of 669.91 acres in Duval County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to advertise the lots for competitive bidding provided applicant will agree to bid not less than \$10.00 an acre on date of sale.

Offer of \$300.00 an acre was presented from John Kennedy of Fort Lauderdale, for purchase of a small key known as Little Money Key, located on the north side of the Seven-Mile Bridge, comprising approximately 2 acres in Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections and competitive bids based on offer from Mr. Kennedy.

Attorney General Ervin called attention to action heretofore taken and requested that all sales of land along Overseas Highway be checked with the Director of the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials to ascertain if there is any conflict with Park plans.

Governor Warren retired from the meeting and Comptroller Gay assumed the Chair.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Mr. Leon C. Tully, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, calling attention to Lease No. 193 in favor of Mrs. George F. Baker, involving an area in Lake Iamonia, Leon County, Florida. Leon County Commissioners request that the lease be cancelled at the earliest date legally possible as the public is not allowed to fish in that area.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for examination and report as to whether said lease may be cancelled prior to its expiration date, November 5, 1956.

Mr. Elliot presented Resolution No. 128 of Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, requesting that the Trustees classify, designate and dedicate all sovereign lands and other state owned lands in the Upper St. Johns River Basin, and that all such lands be withheld from sale until definite project report of the Corps of Engineers becomes available for study by the District.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees withdraw from sale or other disposition the lands requested by the District, pending determination of what areas will be required for flood control purposes.

Comptroller C. M. Gay called attention to a condition existing in Lake and Orange Counties with reference to the drop in the water level of Lake Apopka. He explained that several years ago, with approval of the Army Engineers, a canal was cut into the lake causing lowering of the water level to a dangerous point, and when high winds blow the water out of the lake thousands of dead fish create a very unsanitary problem. To correct this situation, the Army Engineers have recommended construction of a dam and locks across the canal at a cost of approximately \$75,000.00. There is no provision for either of the counties to appropriate any money for this work and the Trustees are being asked to assist in cost of this construction.

Attorney General Ervin suggested that a special act of the legislature might be passed to do this particular job on a 50-50 basis, but does not think the state should assume the entire cost.

After full discussion on the subject, Mr. Elliot was requested to prepare a report and bring back to the Trustees at the earliest possible time.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve payment in favor of Simmons and Weeks, Contractors, for contract amount earned and for extra work on Cooperative Project No. 2; also payment to John T. Pickett, Engineer, for professional services in connection with Project No. 4 involving survey and drainage investigations, the Comptroller to issue warrants in payment for the following amounts:

Simmons and Weeks, Inc., Belle Glade, Fla.

For bridge work, Project No. 2	\$ 650.00
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Simmons and Weeks, Inc., Belle Glade, Fla.

For excavation work as per contract	5,070.00
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For extra work authorized	64.00
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John T. Pickett, Pahokee, Fla.

Engineering fee, Project No. 2	810.00
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also for the following necessary and regular expenses:

Sinclair Wells—Expenses as Land Agent	11.25
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A. R. Williams—Expenses	12.30
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Walter I. Dobar—Temporary work	16.87
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Russell V. Kauffman—Temporary work	15.00
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Deeb Builders Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.		
Construction of transformer vault	833.90	
Jack Culpepper, Tallahassee, Fla.		
Installation of elevator and air conditioner	4,845.06	
J. Alex Arnette, CCC Palm Beach County		
Recording fee	1.00	
Douglas Baker, CCC Indian River County		
Recording fee	1.70	
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	36.65	
D. T. Farabee, CCC Lee County		
Costs in foreclosures of mortgages	30.13	
L. B. McLeod Construction Co., Inc., Orlando, Fla.		
Refund part Deed No. 19391	237.00	
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer to Prin. State School Fund	20,467.05	
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer to Board of Conservation	2,142.60	
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	TOTAL.....	\$35,244.51

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Indian River	7-7-52	1
St. Lucie	6-23-52	3
Sarasota	6-23-52	1
Volusia	6-2-52	7
Volusia	6-24-52	8

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest filed under the rules.

Mr. Elliot recommended that the Trustees reject bids of St. Joe Paper Company listed on Leon County Report No. 83, sale of March 21, 1952, and fix a price of \$180.00 for the parcel containing approximately 9 acres, and \$100.00 for the 5-acre tract, all in Sections 27 and 28, Township 1 South, Range 2 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees reject the bids of St. Joe Paper Company, referred to by Mr. Elliot, and make counter proposal to accept base bids as recommended.

Request was presented from J. Ward for reduction in base bid required for advertising 72 lots in Blocks 5, 6, 9 and 10, Unit A, subdivision of Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, Union County. Regular base bid of \$245.00 and applicant offers \$125.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees decline to grant the request and make counter proposal to allow the lots advertised as a whole for \$200.00, otherwise, if sold on a lot basis that the bid be not less than the base bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in Murphy Act certificates covering land in Alachua and Taylor Counties, the Attorney General's office having approved such disposition on the ground that the certificates vested no title in the state to the lands covered.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

FULLER WARREN
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

July 22, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor

C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated July 1 and 8, 1952, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented application from Burkett & Burkett, attorneys of Sarasota, Florida, on behalf of Mrs. Carrie M. Logan, with offer of \$250.00 an acre for 1.73 acres of submerged land adjacent to her upland property in Section 26, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only based on offer from applicant.

Application was presented from Commonwealth Oil Company of Miami, Florida, for a seven-eighths (7/8ths) oil, gas and mineral lease on Sections 13, 14 and 15, Township 54 South, Range 36 East, Dade County.

Mr. Wells explained that these three sections are included in surface easement Contracts No. 19684 and 19777 to Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District. It was recommended that the lease be advertised as required by law.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the state's interest for lease as applied for by Commonwealth Oil Company.

Offer of \$100.00 an acre was presented from J. M. Couse of Moore Haven, Florida, on behalf of Joe Griffin of Clewiston, for purchase of 41.8 acres of lake bottom land in Sections 19 and 30, Township 42 South, Range 34 East, Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for sale subject to objections and competitive bids, starting with \$100.00 an acre.

Request was presented from Evans, Mershon, Sawyer, Johnston and Simmons of Miami, Florida, for deed to be issued to Monroe County conveying a submerged area adjacent to a public street in Marathon, Florida. The Land Agent recommends that the parcel be conveyed to the county without charge, with a reverter clause in the event the land should ever be used for anything other than a public street.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to Monroe County without cost, but with reverter clause as recommended by the Land Agent.

Request was presented from Austin Pearce of Okeechobee, Florida, for permission to lease to Sun Oil Company land purchased from the state in Contract No. 19657 covering 1,701.26 acres in Sections 7, 8, 18, 28, 29 and 30, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, and Sections 5 and 6, Township 39 South, Range 34 East, Glades County. The contract provides that if purchaser sells anything of value from the land he shall have permission from the Trustees, and amounts received shall be paid to the Trustees and credited on the final payment or payments due under said contract.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees grant permission to Mr. Pearce for leasing the land covered by his contract, with payment therefor to be credited on last payments of the contract.

Offer of \$200.00 an acre was presented from Roy R. Thomas of Hallandale, Florida, for sovereignty land in "Kings Bay" adjacent to his upland property in Government Lot 1, Section 29, Township

18 South, Range 17 East, containing 2 acres, more or less, in Citrus County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offer from Mr. Thomas.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for conveyance of an area in Sarasota Bay, Section 3, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, Manatee County, lying within 300 feet northerly of the centerline and its prolongation of existing Cortez Bridge, and southerly of and 100 feet of the centerline and its prolongation of said Cortez Bridge, desired in connection with State Road No. 684, Sec. 1304-201, SRD 193.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the request be granted and conveyance of the parcel be made to the State Road Department.

Hodges and Arnold Lumber Company of Caryville, Florida, requests extension of timber lease No. 705 covering the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 4 North, Range 14 West, containing 40.14 acres in Washington County, in which to remove timber from the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of one (1) year for removing timber under Lease No. 705.

Mr. Wells presented application from Dade County for conveyance of submerged land in Biscayne Bay lying between the Graves tract and the Intra-Coastal Waterway, in the unsurveyed part of Fractional Sections 14, 22, 23 and 27, Township 52 South, Range 42 East, comprising 242.5 acres, more or less, in Dade County, Florida. The area is desired in connection with the proposed Inter-American Cultural Trade Center.

The Engineer recommends that the submerged land be withdrawn from sale or other disposition and dedicated as a part of and to be used in connection with Inter-American Cultural Trade Center, with the right to dredge, fill or otherwise improve the area, but not to exclude rights in navigation, or to interfere with riparian rights running with adjoining riparian property; the dedication to run so long as used for the purpose described; dedication to be a formal instrument and to be recorded in the public records of Dade County, Florida; the dedication instrument to be executed and delivered if and when the loan has been secured for carrying out the purposes of the Center.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and carried, that the report and recommendation from the Engineer be approved and adopted as the action of the Trustees. It was so ordered.

Mr. Wells recommended that the Trustees authorize advertisement and sale of lake bottom land adjacent to upland property owners in Sections 18, 19 and 20, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County, subject to objections. The land is located on Lake Okeechobee and owners will pay \$50.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the land for sale subject to objections only, based on a price of \$50.00 an acre.

Governor Warren presented letter from Hillory A. Tolson, Acting Director of the National Park Service, dated July 17, 1952, advising that Director Conrad L. Wirth can meet with the Trustees either the second or third Tuesday in August for the purpose of discussing the proposed leasing of Everglades National Park lands for oil exploration.

The membership having indicated that August 12, 1952, would be satisfactory, motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that Tuesday, August 12, be fixed as the date for meeting with Mr. Wirth for the purpose of discussing the leasing of land in the Everglades National Park area under proposal from Commonwealth Oil Company, and that all interested citizens be invited to attend such meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and & Secretary	\$ 775.00
Arthur R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	475.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	406.66
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	306.66
Jentye Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	361.66
Bonnie G. Shelter, Clerk-Stenographer	246.66
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	175.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
Ruth N. Landers, Maid	25.00
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	15.00
J. Alex Arnette, CCC Palm Beach County Recording fee	2.50
Capital Office Equipment Co.	1.70
Florida Abstract Co., Stuart, Fla.	27.00
Mabry, Reeves, Carlton, Anderson, Fields & Ward Tampa, Fla.	141.10
Simmons & Weeks, Inc., Belle Glade, Fla. 33,800 cu. yds. earth excavated	\$5,070.00
Less 10% (up to \$500) retained	500.00
	4,570.00
Extra work authorized	64.00
Less 10% retained	6.40
	57.60

Westinghouse Elec. Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa.		
Material for installation of elevator, etc.		18.72
Smith Steel Construction Co.		
Material for installation of elevator, etc.		3,345.00
Mobile Steel Co., Inc., Mobile, Ala.		
Material for installation of elevator, etc.		8,802.11
Graybar Elec. Co., Inc., Jacksonville, Fla.		
For machinery, installation of elevator		4,659.50
For machinery, installation of elevator		1,793.98
For machinery, installation of elevator		836.00
Florida State Improvement Commission		
Design cost, installation of elevator and renovation of north wing of capitol		1,939.92
	TOTAL.....	\$ 29,030.07

Financial statements for the month of June, 1952, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of June 1, 1952	\$547,433.78
Receipts for the month:	
Land Sales	\$68,147.06
Tax Refunds	2,195.15
Interest on contracts	13.22
Quitclaim Deeds	30.00
Refund of Telephone Charges	12.70
75 Int. coupons at \$125.00 ea.	
U. S. Treasury Bonds	9,375.00
100,000 Cubic Yards Fill Material.....	2,600.00
Sale Certified Copy of Trustees Minutes	2.50
5 Year Lease to Exhibit Sunken	
Treasure	100.00
Buried Treasure Lease	100.00
Grazing Leases	5,539.36
Sand & Shell Leases	3,708.90
Mineral Leases	450.11
Oil Leases	2,068.80
Farm Lease	5,863.48
Timber Lease	90.80
Miscellaneous Leases	295.00
Total Receipts for the month.....	100,592.08
GRAND TOTAL	648,025.86
Less Disbursements for the Month	55,337.22
BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1952	\$592,688.64

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF JUNE, 1952

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
6-11-52	316033	Graybar Electric Co.	\$ 1,620.70
6-16-52	321342	Geiger Lumber Co.	56.00
	321343	Rose Printing Co.	2.50

	321344	Capital Office Equipment Co.	3.00
	321345	Southeastern Telephone Co.	25.54
	321346	G. P. Bradford, Clerk Ct. Ct.	1.35
	321347	Lauderdale Abstract & Title Co..	30.00
	321348	Wm. Crawford, Clerk Ct. Ct.	12.50
	321349	Standard Oil Co.	21.99
	321350	John T. Pickett	78.54
	321351	Hunt, Salley & Roman	1,000.00
6-14-52	320283	S. T. Trans. to Prin. State School Fund	21,004.21
	320284	S. T. Trans. to G. R. for Oyster Conservation Fund	1,848.33
6-19-52	326019	Western Union Telegraph Co.	2.30
	326020	Standard Oil Co.	12.56
	326021	Palm Beach Post-Times	22.25
6-23-52	328749	A. R. Williams	28.04
6-28-52	333008	S. T. Trans. to State Defense Council	10,000.00
6-30-52	334909	Treasurer of U.S.A.	122.50
	336823	The Geo. D. Barnard Co.	406.91
	339177	Simmons & Weeks	14,971.50
	339178	John T. Pickett	891.00
	340103	Dolph Map Co.	85.00
	342044	Southeastern Telephone Co.	57.50
	342045	Western Union Telegraph Co.	5.31
	342046	Wyatt's Business Machines	25.00
	342047	Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	29.60
	342048	Standard Oil Co.	46.15
	342049	Capital Office Equipment Co.	3.50
	342050	E. B. Leatherman, Clerk Ct. Ct...	1.70
	342051	Todd, Turner & Sherrill	13.90
	342052	Clearwater Sun	34.20
	342053	Ted Cabot, Clerk Ct. Ct.	10.00
	302629	F. C. Elliot	622.25
	302630	Arthur R. Williams	384.35
	302631	A. C. Bridges	311.26
	302632	M. O. Barco	218.03
	302633	Jentye Dedge	308.66
	302634	Bonnie G. Shelfer	189.55
	302635	Sinclair Wells	166.25
	302636	C. M. Greene	47.50
	302637	Ruth N. Landers	23.75
	302638	Blue Cross of Florida	18.20
	302639	Southern States Life Ins. Co.	17.55
	302640	5% Retirement Fund	122.99
	302641	Withholding Tax	391.30
	314396	Russell V. Kauffman	21.00
	314397	Walter I. Dobar	21.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR			
JUNE, 1952			\$55,337.22

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE ACCOUNT

Balance as of June 1, 1952	\$ 330.42
Receipts for the month	- 0 -
Disbursements for the month	330.42
BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1952	- 0 -

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

6-2-52	\$ 3,295.00
6-17-52	4,721.25
6-30-52	2,276.50

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR MONTH OF
JUNE, 1952 \$ 10,292.75

Disbursements from General Revenue:

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
6-30-52	301961	Ernest Hewitt	\$ 315.33
	301962	Mary Clare Pichard	220.06
	301963	Prov. Life & Accident Ins. Co. ..	7.75
	301964	5% Retirement Fund	18.58
	301965	Withholding Tax	56.60
	336018	Ernest Hewitt	11.24
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR			
JUNE, 1952 \$ 629.56			

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Walton	6-19-50	1
Walton	7-31-50	1
Walton	4-9-51	1

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest filed under the rules.

Application was presented from the City of Melbourne, Florida, for conveyance of Lot 7, Block G, Metcalf's Addition to Melbourne, a subdivision of Government Lot 4, Section 34, Township 27 South, Range 37 East, and Lots 1 to 5, both inclusive, Block J, Plat of Morningside Addition to Melbourne, Brevard County. Certificate was furnished by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Brevard County that the City of Melbourne has had title to these lots since 1935. By a prior certificate title vested in the state under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted,

that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the lots to the City of Melbourne under provisions of Chapter 20424 of 1941, for a nominal consideration of \$1.00, the deed to contain no restrictions as the land will be used for City Hospital purposes.

By action taken June 24, 1952, the Trustees declined bid of \$50.00 from F. M. Townsend for 48 acres of land in Flagler County advertised for sale June 16, 1952, Report No. 100, and fixed a base bid of \$10.00 an acre for the land. Mr. Townsend has agreed to pay \$10.00 an acre for the land and requests that he be allowed to purchase without readvertisement and a second sale, as he was the high bidder at first sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the request be granted and the land conveyed to Mr. Townsend at a price of \$10.00 an acre without readvertisement.

Mr. J. Max Massey requested that the Trustees confirm sale in his favor, without readvertisement, of Lot 42, except Railroad R/W, G. Alvarez Grant, Section 52, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County. Mr. Elliot explained that the Trustees recently rejected bid of \$62.50 from Mr. Massey, sale of April 7, 1952, Report No. 193, and made counter proposal to accept \$610.00 for the parcel. Mr. Massey has agreed to pay this amount.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to convey the lot to Mr. Massey at a price of \$610.00, without readvertisement, since Mr. Massey was the high bidder at former sale.

Recommendation was made by Mr. Elliot that the Trustees change their policy applying to minimum bids and fix the base bid for acreage at \$5.00 an acre, and the base bid for lots or parcels at \$5.00 each, unless reduction is authorized under Special Case rule.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees adopt the recommendation of Mr. Elliot as to increase of base bids, such change to take effect for all applications received after August 1, 1952.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in Certificate No. 1290 of 1933, Liberty County, the Attorney General's office having advised that no title vested in the state under the Murphy Act.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$ 371.66
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Mary Clare Pichard, Secretary-Clerk	246.66
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TOTAL.....	\$ 618.32

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

FULLER WARREN
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Engineer and Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

July 29, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor

C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration minutes of the Trustees dated July 15, 1952, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented offer of \$100.00 an acre from William G. Akridge, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Worley, for purchase of 1.35 acres of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 31, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only as required by law, based on offer from applicants.

Application was presented from B. Morris Smith, Jr., on behalf of Samuel B. Dudley, who offers \$250.00 an acre for 10.11 acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Sections 26 and 35, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted,

that the Trustees accept the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections as required by law.

Offer of \$150.00 an acre was presented from Anderson C. Bouchelle, on behalf of Mrs. Eva P. Rowley, for purchase of 4.45 acres of submerged land in Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only, based on offer from Mrs. Rowley.

Offer of \$200.00 an acre was submitted from W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Floyd W. Davis, for purchase of 2.18 acres of bay bottom land in Section 9, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to have the land advertised for objections, based on offer from Mr. Davis.

Application was presented from Dudley B. Rawls and Associates with offer of \$50.00 an acre for the W½ of Section 22, Township 50 South, Range 39 East, and Section 10, Township 50 South, Range 39 East, Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting price of \$50.00 an acre.

Request was presented from City of South Bay, Florida, that the Trustees convey 8.55 acres of land on the south end of Lake Okeechobee in Section 11, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County. The city offers \$10.00 for the land which will be used as a garbage dump, and deed will contain the clause "For Public Purposes Only."

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of the City and agree to convey the land at the price offered, subject to advertisement for objections only, the deed to contain the public purpose clause.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easement over certain land in Lake County, desired in connection with State Road No. 19, Sec. 1109, SRD 22.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees convey right of way in favor of the State Road Department covering that portion of the submerged and/or bottom lands of Doro Canal in Lot 76 of Tavares Improvement Company's Subdivision of Blocks 66, 67 and 68, and parts of Blocks 76 to 81, both inclusive, in Section 29, Township 19 South, Range 26 East,

Lake County, lying each side of and within fifty (50) feet of the survey line of State Road No. 19.

Mr. Wells requested authority to employ Mr. J. Birney Linn of Monticello, Florida, as an assistant in his office at a salary of \$290.00 per month, the work in the office having increased to such an extent that additional personnel is necessary.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize employment of Mr. Linn at the salary recommended by Mr. Wells.

Mr. Elliot presented sealed bids received for printing the minutes of the Trustees, Volume 28, July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1952. Bids were requested on 150 copies, of which 138 are to be bound in paper and 12 copies bound in leather. The bids were opened and tabulated as follows:

Bulkley-Newman Printing Company	\$6.50	per page
H. & W. B. Drew Company	5.95	" "
Robinson's, Inc.	6.14	" "
Rose Printing Company	5.76	" "
Tallahassee Democrat	6.20	" "

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the lowest bid submitted for printing Volume 28 of the Minutes.

Bid of Rose Printing Company, being the lowest bid received, was accepted.

The Secretary recommended that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund invest in \$250,000.00 of United States bonds, the fund having a balance of approximately \$590,000.00 as of July 1, 1952.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees, under the provisions of Chapter 25416, Acts of 1949, authorize the purchase of \$250,000.00 of United States bonds carrying an interest rate of two and one-half per cent (2½%).

Governor Warren called attention to an item in one of the newspapers of the state having reference to a proposed lease to Mr. J. Ray Arnold of certain land in Palm Beach County, action thereon having been taken February 5 and 19, 1952. The minutes of said dates were submitted for examination and the Governor made a statement of certain inaccuracies in the article.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of land under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Citrus	5-26-52	3
Escambia	7-8-52	1
Holmes	6-30-52	7
Indian River	7-21-52	1
Lee	6-10-52	28
Sarasota	6-5-52	8
Taylor	5-19-52	1

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protests that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of Sarasota County Deed No. 1371-Cor. to John F. Aasved, for the purpose of correcting name of grantee as given in original deed.

Request was presented from Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bay County that the Trustees allow advertisement and sale without application and the posting of bids of approximately two thousand (2000) lots in the town of Lynn Haven, Florida, about three (3) miles north of Panama City, as there have been no sales of lots in that area.

In line with recommendation from the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the Bay County Clerk to advertise the lots for sale without application or the posting of base bid, with short form of advertisement to be used, the cost of which is to be paid by the Trustees; minimum bid at sale to be \$2.00 per lot under Special Case Rule, with minimum of \$5.00 for each deed; the Clerk to collect his service charge from the purchaser in the regular manner.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

FULLER WARREN
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

August 5, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor

C. M. Gay, Comptroller

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer

Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the Minutes of the Trustees dated July 22 and 29, 1952, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Elliot reported that at the meeting of the Trustees July 15, 1952, Comptroller C. M. Gay called attention to conditions existing in Lake and Orange Counties in connection with water levels in Lake Apopka and that he was requested to submit a report on the subject. The following report was read:

August 4, 1952

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund
Of the State of Florida
Capitol Building

Dear Sirs:

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on July 15, 1952, Comptroller Gay called attention to conditions existing in Orange and Lake Counties in reference to the lowering of the water in Lake Apopka. After discussion of the subject, Mr. Elliot, Engineer of the Trustees, was requested to prepare a report and to submit the same to the Trustees at an early date. Thereon I report as follows:

Lake Apopka, at the head of the Oklawaha system, is a navigable body of water situated partly in Orange and partly in Lake Counties. Its average depth at normal water level is about 7 to 8 feet. Its area is approximately 48 square miles, of which approximately 37 square miles are in Orange and 11 in Lake. The source of water in the lake is from its water shed of approximately 130 square miles, including the lake. It is also said to be spring fed. Water gauges placed in the lake by the U. S. Geological Survey and operated since

August 5, 1952

1935 show a maximum level of 68.7 feet to have been recorded in September of 1947, and a minimum of 64.5 feet in September, 1950. That was about the time when complaints arose concerning the condition referred to by Mr. Gay.

To correct the extreme low water condition and for regulating flow out of the lake through a canal which had previously been constructed, a timber water control structure was built in the canal approximately 4 miles from the lake about August 1950. Since September 1950 the lake rose to 66.7 feet in February 1952. Its present elevation, July 1 last, was 65.7 feet. Information is that the present water control structure is in bad repair and in danger of failure. If it should fail, water would be discharged rapidly from the lake, causing the lake to again reach an undesirable level. Also, the large volume of water suddenly released from Lake Apopka would result in high water in the lakes downstream and cause damage.

To correct the situation, Army Engineers recommend to local interests the construction of a dam with adjustable gates for controlling the level of the lake. The structure recommended by the Army Engineers has not been installed since there is no provision for either of the counties to expend moneys for this work. Local interests now request the Trustees to pay or assist in paying cost of providing such a structure.

I have gathered much information relating to the subject, but so far as I have been able to ascertain, there is not sufficient data on which to design a suitable structure or decide on a proper location for the same. The physical features and engineering considerations to be dealt with, however, are not matters which must first come before the Trustees for decision. The question, in so far as the Trustees are concerned, turns upon the proposition of whether or not the Trustees have authority to make funds available to local interests for constructing a suitable permanent water control structure, or perhaps repairing the present structure to make it safe till a permanent structure can be provided.

There is legislative authority under Section 253.33, Florida Statutes, for the Trustees to loan money to the Board of Drainage Commissioners of this state to be used by said Board for "constructing any canals, drains, dikes, dams, locks and reservoirs . . . in any drainage district established in this state." I find no authority for the Trustees to make a grant of money. In the present instance, the affected area is not created into a drainage, reclamation or conservation district, or any other kind of a district with which the Trustees or the Board of Drainage Commissioners may deal as a legal entity. As soon as practicable a district should be created for providing authority to do that which is necessary. The General Drainage Law provides the procedure to be followed in creating such a district. The time consumed in completing the several steps necessary to be taken leading up to the point where the district would be ready to begin construction of its works would be about five or six months. The majority of drainage, reclamation and conservation districts in Florida

have been created and operate under the General Drainage Law. Also, many districts have been created by Special Acts of the Legislature. The Legislature in a single step can do all of the things necessary to be done for providing the legal machinery for creating and operating a district. Common legislative procedure is to create the district, define its boundaries, impose the preliminary tax and the first year tax upon the lands benefitted, name the members composing the first governing board or authorize the Governor to name them. When that has been done, the Special Act usually provides that the district after its creation shall operate under the General Drainage Law. The time element involved for a legislative act next spring would be about 9 months.

It is desirable that something be done at the earliest practicable date, even though that something be temporary, to remove danger of failure of the present structure till a permanent structure could be provided. Though there is no statutory authority for the Trustees to expend money or to advance money to local interests for the purpose referred to, consideration might be given toward working out with local interests some practical plan which would give assurance to the Trustees of the creation of a district for the purpose at hand and the repayment of moneys which might be advanced or expended by the Trustees for insuring against damage. A discussion of the subject with representative citizens of both counties might result in a feasible plan and the making of satisfactory commitments by local interests which would justify the Trustees in making available an amount of money as a loan, if it can be done legally.

The kind of commitments I have in mind would be along the following lines:

That the County Commissioners of the two counties adopt appropriate resolutions giving assurance to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that they will favor asking the next Legislature to enact a law creating a conservation and reclamation district to include an area around Lake Apopka and such other lakes down-stream as may be advisable.

Also, that the views of the Senators and Representatives in the Legislature from the two counties be ascertained, and if favorable, give their assurance of assistance in passing a suitable Bill for accomplishing the desired end.

Whether or not assurance along the above lines would justify the Trustees in making money available in the absence of statutory authority for so doing, I assume would rest with the advice of the Attorney General.

If the Trustees find affirmatively, preliminary work should begin immediately for providing information and data on which to proceed with the construction and for ascertaining what areas should be included in the proposed district.

As I see the requirements, they consist primarily of works for the control of the waters of Lake Apopka and for one or two additional controlling works further down for the protection against and conservation of waters in the down-stream areas. Secondarily, it is probable that some work should be done in the outlet channels. There appears to be no need for an elaborate system of canals and drainage ditches usually required in drainage districts. Limited to water control, the cost would be very moderate and of small tax burden on the lands in the benefitted area. After construction of the works and improving channels, the expenses would be for operation and maintenance only.

Respectfully,

F. C. ELLIOT
Engineer and Secretary

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A delegation from Lake and Orange Counties was present, composed of State Senator J. Ed Baker of Umatilla, Florida, State Senator J. B. Rodgers of Winter Garden, Florida, Representative Henry W. Land, Orange County, Frank M. Owens, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, A. D. Mims, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, and Colonel H. C. Wood, United States Engineer, Retired, Orlando, Florida.

Discussion was had as to the feasibility of repairing the present water control structure, or the possibility of constructing a new dam to control the level of Lake Apopka and from what source the money could be procured. It was suggested that the Trustees might make the money available, the estimated cost being around \$100,000.00. Information was furnished that the United States Army Engineers could not do the work as it is outside the jurisdiction of their authority.

Mr. Elliot's report explained the legislative authority for that area to be created into a drainage, reclamation or conservation district under which a tax could be imposed to provide the funds for doing the necessary work, but stated that something should be done at the earliest possible date to correct the condition that now exists.

The Attorney General suggested that it might be feasible to request Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District to include the work around Lake Apopka within its plans for reclamation and a bill could be enacted tying it in with the said district and its works.

The members of the delegation furnished information as to the growth of that area, the development of the land around the lakes in that section, the citrus groves that depend on the lake for irrigation and what the present emergency could mean if there is not something done very soon to correct the condition that exists.

Mr. Elliot suggested that there was a possibility of repairing the present structure to prevent a disaster and that would allow time to work out a definite plan for permanent protection of the area around the lakes.

Comptroller Gay was of the opinion that the Trustees should recognize the situation as an emergency and do whatever is necessary to prevent a disaster and the loss of millions of dollars of investment. In addition to danger from flooding of the land there is also a health situation which is of great importance and he feels that the matter should not be allowed to drag along.

Governor Warren stated that the Trustees have the problem of providing the funds and the ability of the board is limited; that commitments have already been made for certain repair work at the Capitol; also arrangements have been under consideration for the Capitol Center program.

Mr. Gay suggested that it might be well to have a committee work out plans and make recommendations as to the best way to proceed, keeping in mind the suggestions made today, but that the condition should not be allowed to drag along until it is too late to avoid tremendous damage to that area; that it is not a local issue but takes in a vast area in that part of Florida.

Senators Baker and Rodgers stated that they would be glad to cooperate in every way possible, now and when the legislature meets, to correct this situation, and feel the entire delegation is in accord, but deem it a real emergency and that the Internal Improvement Fund is the agency to do the work.

Governor Warren stated that he wanted to point out the dilemma the Trustees are in as there are possibly other areas in the State in need of funds to do such work and that he would be reluctant to disburse such an amount as suggested, in view of the projects already under consideration.

After all parties had opportunity to be heard, motion was made by Treasurer Larson that a committee composed of Comptroller Gay, Attorney General Ervin and Mr. Elliot be appointed to work with the Senators and representatives of Lake and Orange Counties with power to move toward construction of the necessary dam as fast as possible and report back to the Trustees for final action and approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Gay and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Wells reported that pursuant to application presented to the Trustees June 17, 1952, from Clyde H. Wilson, on behalf of J. D. Harmon and Clyde H. Wilson, Trustees for Benjamin S. Mesirow and Clyde H. Wilson, who offered \$200.00 an acre for submerged Manatee County land on Longboat Key, Section 24, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, it was agreed to advertise the two parcels for objections only. Notice was published in the Bradenton Herald on July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1952, and proof of publication filed with the Trustees.

Mr. Wells called the land out and reported that no objections have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and

adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of applicants at the price offered.

Pursuant to application presented to the Trustees June 10, 1952, from C. D. Purser, who offers \$200.00 an acre for 2.0 acres of submerged land in Halifax River, Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County, it was agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only based on offer from applicant. Notice was published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1952, and proof of publication filed with the Trustees.

Mr. Wells called the land out and reported that objections have been filed to the sale by Paul E. Raymond.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees continue the sale and that party protesting be notified that he may be heard before action is taken.

Pursuant to application considered by the Trustees June 17, 1952, from Mrs. Blanche Y. Quillian, who offered \$200.00 an acre for 0.342 of an acre of submerged land in Section 37, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County, it was agreed to advertise the land for objections only, applicant being the adjacent upland owner. Notice was published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1952, and proof of publication filed with the Trustees.

Mr. Wells called the land out and stated that objections have been filed by the City of Daytona Beach, Florida, and hearing is requested before sale is confirmed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees continue the sale and give parties protesting opportunity to be heard before final action is taken.

Based on application presented to the Trustees June 17, 1952, from Anderson Bouchelle, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Arnez, who offered \$200.00 an acre for submerged land in the Halifax River, in Section 37, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County, adjacent to their upland property, it was agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only. Notice was published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1952, and proof of publication filed with the Trustees.

Mr. Wells called the land out and reported that the City of Daytona has filed objections to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the sale be continued and that parties protesting the sale be given opportunity to be heard.

Request was presented from J. L. McCord, on behalf of Commonwealth Oil Company, for a seven-eighths Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease

on Section 1, N½; Section 2, S½; Section 3, N½; Section 4, S½; Section 5, N½; Section 6, S½; all in Township 54 South, Range 36 East, Dade County, comprising 2240 acres. Offer of fifty cents (50¢) an acre was made for the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the lease for sealed competitive bids as required by law, based on offer from Mr. McCord.

Offer of \$2500.00 was submitted from George O. Lea, on behalf of Elmer Torstenson, or \$350.00 for a small tract of submerged land 30 x 200 feet, in Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for sale subject to competitive bids and objections, starting with an offer of \$2500.00 per acre.

Offer of \$150.00 an acre was presented from Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Joel Phillips, for purchase of 0.72 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 24, Township 30 South, Range 14 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Phillips, subject to the land being advertised for objections as required by law.

Mr. Joseph W. Walton, on behalf of Mr. Lewis Ziegler, offers \$100.00 an acre for 7.8 acres of submerged land, and on behalf of Phillip W. Vollmer and Theodore D. Helprin, an offer of \$100.00 an acre for 6.1 acres of submerged land adjacent to upland property of applicants in Sections 27 and 28, Township 33 South, Range 40 East, Indian River County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept offers from applicants, subject to the land being advertised for objections as required by law.

Mr. A. Mack Wing, on behalf of Harry Beeuwkes and wife, offers \$200.00 an acre for approximately 2 acres of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Lot 3, Block J, Bahama Beach Replat, Section 7, Township 32 South, Range 17 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Beeuwkes and wife, subject to the land being advertised for objections as required by law.

Thad Whidden, on behalf of J. J. and Sara Margaret Chastain, offers \$750.00 an acre or \$35.00, for a strip of lake bottom land 15 feet wide and containing 0.05 of an acre in Section 13, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the parcel described to Mr. and Mrs. Chastain.

Application was presented from Marine Studios, through H. T. Cook of Bunnell, Florida, for two-year lease on that marsh area of sovereignty land lying east of right of way of Intra-coastal Waterway and west of Lot 12, and north 309 feet of Lot 13, DuPont Estates Subdivision, in Sections 37 and 38, Township 10 South, Range 31 East, containing approximately 10 acres in Flagler County. Marine Studios offer \$25.00 annually as rental for the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of lease for a term of two years in favor of Marine Studios, rental to be on the basis of \$25.00 per annum.

Request was presented from Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials that the Trustees convey to the said Board areas below the high water mark adjacent to the State Park described as a certain island known as Little Talbot Island and being the eastern-most of those three islands constituting and known as Section 37, Township 1 North, Range 29 East, and Section 42, Township 1 South, Range 29 East, Duval County. It was explained that it is impossible to maintain good order and cleanliness on two beaches, one for white people and one for colored people as the marsh lands below the high water mark are not subject to the control of the Park Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the area applied for to be used for park purposes.

Mr. Elliot reported that as authorized by the Trustees July 29, 1952, \$250,000.00 of United States Treasury Bonds have been purchased at 98-12/32 for \$245,937.50 with interest from June 15 to August 5, 1952, \$870.90, making a total of \$246,808.40, and that said bonds have been deposited with the State Treasurer.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the following bills be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To Prin. of State School Fund	\$ 23,715.93
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To Board of Conservation	4,577.60
Capital City National Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	
For U. S. Treasury Bonds	246,808.40
Westinghouse Electric Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa.	
For machinery—elevator and air conditioner	
north wing of Capitol	415.22

Mobile Steel Co. Inc., Mobile, Ala.	
For material—elevator etc.	2,335.48
M. R. & R. Trucking Co., Crestview, Fla.	
Freight charges	200.42
Spanish Trail Transportation Co., Mobile, Ala.	
Freight charges	539.15
Jack Culpepper, Tallahassee, Fla.	
Payment No. 2, elevator shaft construction ...	3,013.38
Hunt, Salley & Roman, Miami, Fla.	
Costs, Claughton v. City of Miami	258.50
Okeechobee Abstract Co., Okéechobee, Fla.	500.00
Ted Cabot, CCC Broward County	
For Hollywood Reclamation Dist. taxes	480.00
Sinclair Wells—Expenses as Land Agent	26.92
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla.	
Expenses—Mortgage foreclosures	67.51
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	89.15
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	12.33
Standard Oil Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	33.16
Railway Express Agent, Tallahassee, Fla.	1.64
The Key West Citizen, Key West, Fla.	
Advertising land sale	23.00
Dorothy Pierce, CCC Martin County—Filing fee.	10.00
Ivey Motors Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	
Repairs to Plymouth automobile	15.50
State Office Supply Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.50
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	8.75
H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	3.87
Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	17.00
The Times Publishing Co., St. Petersburg, Fla....	32.50
The Palm Beach Post-Times, W. Palm Beach, Fla.	
For advertising land sale	22.50
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	TOTAL.....\$283,209.41

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of land under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Clay	7-12-52	5
Flagler	6-16-52	5
Lake	7-14-52	44
Wakulla	6-16-52	1

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted,

that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for the purpose of releasing state road right of way reserved in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department:

- Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1891 to Ewing W. Sparks & wife
 - Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 2154 to Franz Schori & wife
 - Flagler County Q.C. Deed No. 14 to Augusta G. Hildebrandt
 - Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2606 to Marion S. Moore and wife
 - Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2733 to E. L. Pullen and wife
 - Pt. Palm Beach Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2194 to A. J. Klemons and wife
 - Pt. Palm Beach Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2217 to Banana Shore Co.
 - Pt. Palm Beach Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2218 to Arthur N. Kennedy
 - Pt. Pinellas Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1530 to Bernard E. Pine and wife
 - Pt. Pinellas Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1530 to Oscar Davis
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Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easement across Murphy Act land in Alachua County, to be used in connection with Michigan Avenue Extension—Section 2600-104, SRD No. 21 Rev.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department for right of way and drainage ditch area described as follows:

0.047 of an acre of Lots 6 and 9, H. M. Story's Addition to Gainesville, Section 32, Township 9 South, Range 20 East, lying within 50 feet of the centerline of Michigan Avenue; and
West 95 feet of the North 80 feet of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, Township 9 South, Range 19 East, containing 0.174 of an acre, more or less.

Request was presented from D. L. Edenfield for reduction in base bid for advertising Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 96, Columbia City, Columbia County. The base bid at regular sale would be \$75.00. Applicant offers \$15.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to authorize the lots advertised with a base bid of \$10.00 per lot.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

FULLER WARREN
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

August 12, 1952

The Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor

C. M. Gay, Comptroller

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer

Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Governor Warren announced that this date was fixed, and Mr. Conrad L. Wirth, Director of the National Park Service, was invited to be present for discussing a proposed contract with Commonwealth Oil Company. Also present as representatives of the National Park Service were Mr. C. R. Vinten, Coordinating Superintendent of National Parks in Florida, and Mr. Joseph E. Moore, Biologist, Everglades National Park.

Mr. Wirth reviewed some of the past history of Everglades National Park since his connection with the National Park Service, dating back to 1931, making reference to donations from the State of Florida to the extent of approximately 900,000 acres of land conveyed and two million dollars appropriated by the Legislature with which to purchase land. The entire area within the present boundaries is in Federal ownership; one section, however, is still in the Courts but when condemnation proceedings were filed the Federal Government took possession and the Courts will decide amount to be paid. He called attention to the expenditures by the Federal Government in the Park, approximating one million dollars in the past four years; what is proposed to be accomplished as funds are made available by the Congress; the number of visitors to the park and the estimated revenue the State will realize from visitors to the Park. He compared the value of the Park with that of possible oil production. The policy of the National Park Service was explained and the passage of the Congressional Act allowing private landowners in the park area to retain certain oil and mineral rights, which were not applicable to State land conveyed. Reference was made to resolution adopted by the Trustees June 14, 1947, which was the basis for establishing Everglades National Park June 20, 1947.

Reference was made to the concessions made for oil reservations in favor of private individuals as compared with the State. Mr. Wirth explained that the National Park Service was not in favor of the bill passed by Congress in 1949; that they recommended against it and recited the arrangements with the State; also that land had been

purchased from other private parties with mineral rights and that the passage of the Act would put the Department in the position of not playing fair. The National Park Service has played fair with the State all the way through, and it was never intended that any concession be made to private parties that would not apply to the State.

Mr. Wirth was asked if acceptance of the bid from the oil company would disturb the relationship between the State and the National Park Service in the future as to getting appropriations for the park. He replied that he did not anticipate anything spoiling the friendly and excellent relationship existing between the State and Federal Government, however, he would be very sorry to see the contract authorized because he thinks it is in violation of the resolution which was the basis for establishing the park.

Mr. Wirth was assured that the Trustees did not want to do anything that would affect the friendly relationship existing between the State and National Park Service; at the same time, it seemed a good opportunity to get oil exploration in that area.

Mr. Wirth expressed the opinion that execution of the contract would be contrary to the agreement with the Federal Government; that during the conference between Judge Buford and the Secretary of the Interior it was brought out that the National Park Service would not be in favor of legislation allowing oil exploration in the Park.

Judge Rivers Buford, representing Commonwealth Oil Company; Mr. J. P. Simmons, attorney of Miami, on behalf of the Oil Company and also the interests of his firm; Mr. Thomas H. Anderson, attorney of Miami, representing Commonwealth Oil Company; Mr. Joe Adams of Miami, hotel owner; Mr. R. T. Spangler, manager of Port Everglades and Broward County Port Authority; Mr. Ivar Axelson of Coral Gables, extensive land owner; and Dr. Herman Gunter, State Geologist, all spoke in behalf of the oil company and urged that the proposed conditional contract be authorized in order that exploration for oil may be carried on. The importance of oil production in the State was stressed; the revenue that would come; what the effect would be on the economic structure of the State by discovery of an oil field, which would far exceed any value that could ever be received from Everglades National Park.

Mr. O. S. Petty, San Antonio, Texas, chairman of the Petty Geophysical Engineering Company, reviewed his connection with oil development in Florida since 1933; gave an outline of the instruments developed since 1933 for exploring oil structures and the various methods used; also that most favorable indications have been developed in the area on which Commonwealth desires to have the contract.

Telegrams were presented from Mr. John H. Baker, president of National Audubon Society of New York City, and from Gazelle and Joe Kellerher of Florida City, Florida, urging that the Trustees not approve the contract applied for by Commonwealth Oil Company.

All interested parties were given opportunity to be heard. At the

conclusion of the hearing Governor Warren stated that the Trustees would take the matter under advisement and reach a decision at an early date.

During the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions it was suggested that funds might be made available from Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for acquisition of Tallahassee property for the Capitol Center program, the amount necessary being approximately \$340,000.00.

Mr. Mayo requested that no action be taken at this time as he was not informed on the subject and would like to have time to study the proposed purchase.

Without objections, it was agreed that action on the matter be held in abeyance until next Tuesday.

Application was presented from Arnold Biggs with offer of \$100.00 an acre for approximately four (4) acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 28, Township 13 South, Range 32 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offer from Mr. Biggs.

Mr. Evans Crary, on behalf of clients Wm. C. Holzhauser, Herbert A. Hiers, Ralph Hiers, Glenn W. Cook and L. F. Knowles, made application to purchase small islands in the Indian River lying adjacent to upland property of applicants on the Easterly shore of Sewalls Point in Township 38 South, Range 42 East, Martin Co., and made an offer of \$200 an acre for said islands.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the islands advertised for objections only at the price offered.

Mr. Jack Wirt of Miami, Florida, presented request that the Trustees consent to issuance by the City of Miami of twenty-year lease of an area at the west end of MacArthur Causeway, owned by the City. It was explained that the Yacht Club now holds a five-year lease expiring in February 1953; that the Club proposes to make improvements at considerable expense and desires a lease sufficiently long to justify the expenditure. The area is described as 1000 feet long and 400 feet wide, located on the northeast corner of MacArthur Causeway fill or Causeway Island, and is a part of the land conveyed to the City of Miami by the Trustees with restriction for public purposes only.

Conditions of the proposed lease were discussed and suggestions from the Trustees were that the lease be for a term of ten years with

option for renewal of an additional ten years; that stipulation be included that no undesirable concessions be granted, such as honky-tonks; that the club be open to the public and no private commercial business be allowed.

Mr. Wirt requested that the Trustees not require the ninety-day cancellation clause in the proposed lease.

Motion was made by Attorney General Ervin that the Trustees advise the City of Miami that they have no objection to issuance of a lease for a term of ten (10) years to Miami Yacht Club with option of renewal for an additional ten years, eliminating the ninety-day cancellation clause, but with conditions as suggested, subject to final decision being made one month from this date; that if no objections are received from the Miami area of a substantial nature the Trustees will give consent to the lease if the City of Miami is willing to authorize such lease, all subject to approval by the Attorney General. Motion was seconded by Mr. Gay, and upon vote adopted.

The following offers were presented from Mr. Thomas H. Horobin, on behalf of James and Susan Kirtley:

\$1500.00 for purchase of an area known as Dixie Park Heights, containing approximately 30 acres, less streets, in Section 22, Township 56 South, Range 38 East, Dade County; and

\$100.00 an acre for an area known as Greater Miami Heights, in Sections 1 and 2, and in E½ of Section 5, Township 55 South, Range 39 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids, starting with offers from Susan Kirtley.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following bills be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

John T. Pickett—Project No. 4	\$ 270.00
Survey work, T. 44 S, R. 39 E.,	
Palm Beach County	
Prewitt & Nall, Clewiston, Fla.	4,600.00
Survey work, Project No. 3—	
T. 45 S, R. 37/38 E.	
The Geo. D. Barnard Co., St. Louis, Mo.	47.90
Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	65.00
Smith Steel Construction Co., Jacksonville, Fla. ...	148.88
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer—Expenses	11.25
Florida State Improvement Commission—	
Design cost re installation of elevator, air-condi-	

tioner, renovation of old House Chamber	8,712.63
TOTAL.....	\$13,855.66

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of land under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Bay	8-4-52	22
Hillsborough	8-5-52	2
Marion	8-4-52	1
Orange	7-7-52	48
Polk	6-27-52	11
Putnam	6-7-52	5
Putnam	8-2-52	4
Volusia	7-7-52	31
Washington	8-1-52	1

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest filed under the rules.

Request was presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Alachua County that the Trustees approve bid of Ben O. Franklin in amount of \$400.00 listed on Report No. 132, sale of May 28, 1952, covering approximately thirteen (13) blocks, or 40 acres, Micanopy Junction. It was explained that the Trustees did not give authority for advertising the land at that price, but through some misunderstanding it was included in the sale.

Upon recommendation from the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees decline the bid and make counter proposal to authorize sale, without further advertising, if Mr. Franklin will make an offer of \$500.00 for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain certificates covering land in Liberty, Taylor and Volusia County, the Attorney General's office having advised they were subject to cancellation.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

FULLER WARREN
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

August 19, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor

C. M. Gay, Comptroller

Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells reported that on July 8, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 an acre from Barney Buchanan, represented by Duncan McQuagge, for purchase of Lot 15, Section 4, Township 4 South, Range 15 West, containing 16.63 acres of swamp and overflowed land in Bay County, Florida. The land was ordered advertised with a starting bid of \$10.00 an acre. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$26.50 an acre being offered by Irvin Garten.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$26.50 an acre from Mr. Garten and consummate sale in his favor.

On June 24, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Ronald M. Green for purchase of Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20 and 21, Section 29, Township 18 South, Range 17 East, containing 6.10 acres, more or less, in Citrus County. The land was ordered advertised with a starting bid of \$200.00 an acre. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$460.00 an acre from Mr. Green, on behalf of Jack Frye of New York City.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$460.00 an acre from Mr. Frye and consummate sale in his favor.

On July 8, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from Ted C. Hoffner and wife, represented by Fletcher G. Rush, for purchase of lake bottom land on Lake Conway, in Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, containing 0.375 of an acre in Orange County. The Trustees accepted the offer and the land was ordered advertised only for objections to the sale.

The description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Hoffner at the price agreed upon, \$300.00 an acre.

On June 24, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from John W. Strickland, represented by George S. Brockway, for purchase of 0.8 of an acre of lake bottom land in Section 5, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Strickland at the price agreed upon, \$100.00 an acre.

On July 1, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from William Niles, represented by Leo M. Butler, for purchase of submerged land described as beginning at the northwest corner of Lot 31, Block 6 of Indian Rocks South Shore Subdivision, containing 1.10 acres, more or less, in Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the St. Petersburg Times on July 18, 25, August 1, 8 and 15, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Niles at the price agreed upon, \$150.00 an acre.

On July 1, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Joel Phillips, represented by Leo M. Butler, for the purchase of submerged land described as beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 15, Block 3 of Indian Rocks South Shore, containing 0.73 of an acre in Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the St. Petersburg Times on July 18, 25, August 1, 8 and 15, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of the notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Phillips at the price agreed upon, \$150.00 an acre.

On July 8, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Bellemead Development Company, represented by William R. McElroy, for purchase of submerged land in the Halifax River, City

of Daytona Beach, Florida, located in Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, containing 1.6 acres, more or less, in Volusia County. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on July 18, 25, August 1, 8 and 15, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Bellemead Development Company at the price agreed upon, \$200.00 an acre; that conveyance extend out into the river only so far as the bulkhead line as established by city ordinance.

Mr. Wells reported that objections were filed August 5, 1952, to three sales of submerged land in Volusia County, located in Daytona Beach, Florida. Confirmation of the sales was postponed pending disposition of the objections. Objections have now been withdrawn, conditioned upon conveyance being limited so as not to extend beyond the bulkhead line as established by City ordinance of the City of Daytona Beach, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the three submerged areas advertised for sale August 5, 1952, at the prices agreed upon—\$200.00 an acre in each case—and within the bulkhead limitations fixed by city ordinance, said sales being confirmed in favor of the following parties:

Blanche Y. Quillian—0.342 of an acre in Chas. A. Ballough's Subdivision in Section 37, Township 15 South, Range 33 East;

Frank Arnez and wife—Submerged land in Halifax River, Chas. A. Ballough's Subdivision of Section 37, Township 15 South, Range 33 East;

C. D. Purser—2.0 acres of submerged land in Halifax River, Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 33 East.

Mr. Ernest Leder makes an offer of \$200.00 an acre for 2 acres of submerged land in Section 19, Township 65 South, Range 34 East, Monroe County, said land being adjacent to his upland property.

Motion was offered by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Leder, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. Paul Thompson, represented by Mr. Paschal C. Reese, offers \$50.00 an acre for swamp and overflowed lands in Section 9, Township 44 South, Range 39 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted,

that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting at \$50.00 an acre.

Application was presented from Ralph O. Johnson, on behalf of Glades Chemical Company, with offer of \$10.00 an acre annually for a ten-year lease on 1.90 acres of lake bottom land in Sections 5 and 8, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, adjacent to upland property of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize execution of the lease as requested covering the parcel described.

Mr. Jack Frye of New York, represented by Ronald M. Green, submitted an offer of \$200.00 an acre for the submerged land surrounding his upland property described as Government Lots 9 and 10, Section 28, Township 18 South, Range 17 East, comprising 12.64 acres, more or less, in Citrus County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Frye, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Governor Warren suggested that it might be wise and prudent to hold up selling land until such time as they may be more in need of funds than at present and possibly the price might go up also; that leases be encouraged rather than sales.

Mr. Wells explained that the Land Office endeavors to issue leases on state lands where it is possible, but in most cases applicants desire to purchase.

No action was taken on the matter.

Upon recommendation from the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that effective July 1, 1952, copies of notices of lands being offered for sale be not copied into the minutes, the Attorney General's office having advised that the law does not require it; also it will mean considerable saving in the cost of printing the minutes.

Attorney General Ervin reported that since the August 12th meeting, he has had discussions with some of the Trustees on the subject of the proposed contract with Commonwealth Oil Company and has prepared for the consideration of the Trustees a resolution in an effort to try and arrive at the best practicable solution of the problem. The proposed resolution was read and discussed.

Attorney General Ervin expressed the view that from the terms of the resolution adopted by the Trustees June 14, 1947, and legislative

authority, under which oil and mineral reservations were released to the Federal Government, he does not believe that the Trustees have a free hand to operate in this field with reference to Everglades National Park. It appears that practically all lands the state had in the park area have been ceded to the Federal Government and the Trustees have agreed that no changes or alterations will be made, according to the June 14 resolution, without the mutual consent of the Government. Recent action of the Trustees was reviewed as to the application from Commonwealth Oil Company for a contract to lease the oil rights within the park area if the Trustees were ever given the right to explore, the subsequent advertisement for bids, the protest from the Federal Government, and the hearing held last week at which Mr. Conrad L. Wirth, National Park Director, was present and contended that the existing policy of the National Park Services is not to permit oil exploration, and also that execution of the proposed contract by the Trustees would be contrary to the spirit and intent of the resolution. With that background the Attorney General feels that the Trustees should not execute the proposed contract but leave the decision of its being awarded to the Federal Government, in as much as the previous commitments or agreements of the Legislature and the Trustees with the Federal Government have surrendered the state's oil and mineral production rights in the park to the determination of the Federal Government anyway.

Comptroller Gay stated that he discussed the proposed resolution with the Attorney General and feels that it reflects the only action the Trustees should take at this time; that he would like very much to have exploration for oil in that area but does not think the contract would be of any benefit to the oil company as they would still have to get the consent of the Federal Government to do any exploration work in the Park.

Governor Warren stated that regardless of any views the Trustees may have now, they are bound by the agreement of June 14, 1947; that while the importance of the park is appreciated he would like to see oil discovered as it would solve most of the financial troubles of the state; also, that he would be willing to vote for the resolution with the understanding that at a subsequent meeting he might be permitted to alter some of the language if deemed advisable.

Motion was made by Attorney General Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and carried, that in order to arrive at a decision in this matter under the conditions already in existence, and the obligations heretofore entered into, the following resolution be adopted with the understanding that it may be reconsidered at a subsequent date if any member has objections after careful study of the instrument:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Section 264.09, Florida Statutes, 1951 authorizes the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida to convey lands in Dade, Monroe and Collier Counties to the United States, for ultimate inclusion in the Everglades National Park, and said statute further empowers

said Trustees to convey the properties to the United States for wildlife conservation, pending the creation of said national park, "with such reservation, if any, of oil, gas and mineral rights as said trustees may determine . . .", and

WHEREAS, Section 264.10, Florida Statutes, 1951 empowers the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida to make exchange of lands held by them outside the Everglades National Park for privately owned lands within said park area, and in turn to convey the lands so acquired to the United States, and

WHEREAS, Section 264.15, Florida Statutes, 1951 authorizes said trustees to convey Murphy Act lands to the United States for inclusion in the Everglades National Park, "with such reservation, if any, of oil, gas and mineral rights as said trustees may determine . . .", and

WHEREAS, said trustees did, pursuant to the authority of the statutes hereinabove designated, by deed dated December 28, 1944, convey to the United States of America for wildlife conservation purposes, and for subsequent inclusion in the Everglades National Park, all of the right, title and interest of the State of Florida in and to those lands (except school lands) now constituting a part of said park, reserving unto the State of Florida the title to all oil, gas and mineral rights, and

WHEREAS, said trustees were thereafter authorized by Chapter 23617, Laws of Florida, 1947 [Section 253.62(2), Florida Statutes, 1951] to release and convey to the United States of America all oil, gas and mineral rights owned by the State of Florida in, upon and under the lands included within the boundaries of the Everglades National Park, they did by deed dated June 3, 1947 release and convey to the United States of America all such oil, gas and mineral rights theretofore reserved in the State of Florida, within said park area, but reserving unto the State of Florida the right to "customary royalties" in the event of production of oil, gas or other minerals, "should production ever be authorized by the United States.", and

WHEREAS, said trustees did on June 14, 1947 by resolution agree to release, in favor of the United States of America, subject to the customary royalty clause, all oil, gas and mineral rights not theretofore released, and to issue no more leases or extend existing leases covering any lands theretofore conveyed for park purposes, and as and when the United States takes title to privately owned land within said park area, title to which passed out of the State, to release the lands from such reservation, subject to reservation of oil, gas and mineral rights in favor of said trustees. Said resolution further providing that it "shall be considered as a binding

agreement on the part of said Trustees and shall not be altered, amended or rescinded by said trustees without the mutual consent of the parties referred to herein.", and

WHEREAS, said trustees did advertise for competitive sealed bids to be received on or before June 17, 1952 for the sale of a contract for an oil and gas lease covering certain lands in Dade County, and being a portion of the Everglades National Park, said contract to be predicated upon the express condition that such lease should be executed only in the event the State of Florida receives due legal authority from the United States of America to lease said lands, and

WHEREAS, Commonwealth Oil Company was the highest and best bidder for said contract for lease, and said trustees at their regular meeting on August 12, 1952 held a public hearing regarding the proposed contract for lease, at which hearing objections were filed by the Director of the National Park Service to such contract for lease, citing the existing policy of the Park Service in not permitting exploration within park areas, and contending that execution of the proposed contract by the trustees would be contrary to the spirit and intent of said resolution of June 14, 1947, and

WHEREAS, said trustees fully recognize and respect that permitting exploration for oil, gas and minerals within the boundaries of national parks, is solely and exclusively for the determination of the proper federal authorities, including the Congress of the United States and that, by reason of the agreement of their predecessors in office heretofore mentioned, and the ownership of the lands in question in the United States of America, there is grave doubt concerning the authority of the present trustees to enter into any contract for lease of any of the lands constituting a portion of the Everglades National Park, and that they can exercise no authority or power therein until the Congress of the United States authorizes them to contract or approves either by special act, the terms and provisions of any proposed agreement to lease and the lease itself, or by general act permits the exploration for oil, gas and minerals within national parks, and

WHEREAS, said trustees do not now assume to act nor to make any recommendation regarding the advisability of the enactment of such legislation, and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract for oil and gas lease offered for sale by the trustees covering the following described property in Dade County, Florida, viz:

The South Half ($S\frac{1}{2}$) of Township 54 South, Range 35 East, less the South Half ($S\frac{1}{2}$) of Section 24 and the South Half ($S\frac{1}{2}$) of Section 26 and the South Half ($S\frac{1}{2}$)

of Section 36; the East Half (E $\frac{1}{2}$) of Township 55 South, Range 35 East and the West Half (W $\frac{1}{2}$) of Township 55 South, Range 36 East.

recognizes that the State of Florida has no title to said lands, and that the matter is one peculiarly within the jurisdiction of the Federal Government, and its appropriate agency or agencies, by the inclusion in said proposed contract the following:

"That said oil and gas lease shall be executed by the parties of the first part, only in the event the State of Florida receives due legal authority from the United States of America to lease said lands, said lands now constituting a portion of the Everglades National Park and not presently owned by the State of Florida."

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

1. That any action heretofore taken by them in connection with the proposed contract for lease and lease is not to be construed as an attempt to usurp any power, right or discretion of any federal officer or department, including the Congress of the United States, nor as a recommendation by them that such action should or should not be taken.
2. That by reason of the objections and protests of the National Park Service, and its contention that the proposed contract, if executed, would be contrary to the spirit and intent of the said resolution of June 14, 1947, the award of the proposed contract to Commonwealth Oil Company shall be made contingent upon the following: (1) The drilling of the proposed test well by said Commonwealth Oil Company within nine months from date hereof in the manner and to the extent stipulated in the proposed contract on the lands within the Everglades National Park upon which it now holds a lease or leases, and (2) that the State of Florida shall receive due legal authority from the United States of America to lease the lands herein above described.
3. That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Commonwealth Oil Company and the National Park Service.
4. That in addition to their official approval of this reso-

lution they individually indicate their ratification by affixing their respective signatures hereto.

FULLER WARREN
Governor

C. M. GAY
Comptroller

J. EDWIN LARSON
Treasurer

RICHARD W. ERVIN
Attorney General

NATHAN MAYO
Commissioner of Agriculture
As and Composing the TRUSTEES OF
THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT
FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

At the request of Judge Rivers Buford, Attorney General Ervin presented a proposed substitute for paragraph two (2) of the resolution, under which the contract would be authorized. Mr. Ervin stated that he did not approve of the proposed substitution but offered it for consideration solely at the request of Judge Buford. Upon consideration thereof, the Trustees declined to make the substitution and the resolution as adopted stands.

Memorandum was presented to the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions from Florida State Improvement Commission with reference to purchase of the hereinafter described property to become a part of the Capitol Center, and on which it is proposed to construct a State Office building. During said meeting it was suggested that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund purchase said land.

It was explained that on eight (8) parcels of land the Improvement Commission has an option to purchase and the total purchase price is \$196,478.30. On three (3) additional parcels the owners declined to accept the appraised value as payment and it will be necessary to file condemnation proceedings. Appraised value of the said three parcels is \$73,125.00 and should suit be filed to condemn the land it will be necessary for the State to deposit with the Court twice the amount of the appraised value, one-half of which amount will be returned to the State if the Court's award is not in excess of the appraisal.

Discussion was had as to the method of reimbursing the Trustees for the purchase of the land. The Secretary suggested that it could be handled by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund advancing money for the purchase of said property and Revenue Certificates could be issued to the Trustees by the Improvement Commission, such certificates to be taken up out of rentals from office space in the building on which certificates are to be issued.

Comptroller Gay moved the adoption of a resolution, which was seconded by the Attorney General, which resolution was unanimously adopted and reads as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, by appropriate statutes of the State of Florida the State Legislature has given recognition and approval to the plan for establishing a Capitol Center, and pursuant thereto the State of Florida through certain of its agencies has from time to time acquired from private ownership various parcels of land lying within the Capitol Center area as sites for state public buildings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tallahassee has zoned and restricted the use of private property lying within the area, such restrictions being designed to further the program of using the Capitol Center area for state purposes, however, such restrictions have resulted in curtailing the uses to which private owners could put such properties, and the further delay in acquiring such property for state purposes works a hardship on such private owners; and

WHEREAS, at the present time several of the State agencies are renting office space from private sources and paying many thousands of dollars of rents annually for public office space in the City of Tallahassee, all of which will appear by reference to surveys and studies made concerning the subject by the Florida State Improvement Commission; and

WHEREAS, there is public necessity to acquire the herein-after described lands as the site for a public office building to meet the increasing needs of the State agencies required by a growing State and the expanding of State services by action of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund have legal authority and deem it to be their duty and in the best interest of the State of Florida to expend certain of their available funds for the advance purchase of revenue certificates, the proceeds from which are to be used for the acquisition of said hereinafter described property for public use, to-wit: Acquisition of said lands as a site for public office building which will redound to the benefit of the entire State, including its program of internal improvements; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, that:

— 1 —

By reason of the foregoing preamble the Trustees do hereby make available the sum of \$342,728.30 for the purpose of acquiring the following described property:

Lot 48—Owned by Ruth A. Williams
 Lot 47—Owned by Jackson Payne Estate and Irene C.

Anderson

Lot 46—Owned by Louise Shuford

Lot 44—Owned by James M. Sauls Estate

Lot 43, except that part of said lot lying East of a straight line drawn from the NE corner of Lot 39 to the SE corner of Lot 40—Owned by G. K. Walker Estate

Lot 39—Owned by Hyman and Louise Myers

Part of Lots 40, 41, 42, 43 and 45, more particularly described as: Begin at SW corner of Lot 40, run North 173.40 feet, East 136.80 feet, South 173.40 feet, West 136.80 feet to point of beginning—Owned by Florence P. Sauls

East 90 feet of Lots 41 and 42—Owned by Canal Timber Corp.

All of the said lots being a part of the Original Plan of the City of Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

lying within the Capitol Center area in the City of Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, such sums to be used to pay the purchase price of eight (8) parcels of the above described land, which are now under option to the Florida State Improvement Commission and representing the sum of \$196,478.30, and the remainder to the Florida State Improvement Commission for the purpose of the latter using the same to condemn the following described portions of said blocks:

Lot 51 and West 15 feet of Lot 52—Owned by Ruby M. Whitfield

Lots 49 and 50—Owned by A. A. and T. A. Demetree

Lot 45, except that part of said lot lying South of a straight line drawn from the SE corner of Lot 44 to the SW corner of Lot 46—Owned by R. E. Kestner

All of said lots being a part of the Original Plan of the City of Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

— 2 —

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida do hereby authorize the Florida State Improvement Commission, pursuant to its powers and authority, to condemn the above described property for the use and purposes aforesaid, having found public necessity for the same.

— 3 —

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund direct that title to said property be taken in the name of the State of Florida, and that they hereby signify their consent to the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, pursuant

to the provisions of Chapter 272, Florida Statutes, joining with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in entering into an appropriate contract, with the Florida State Improvement Commission for the construction of a State Office Building upon the above described property, the details of such contract to be negotiated and determined as soon as practicable.

— 4 —

In said contract provision shall be made for the Florida State Improvement Commission to issue revenue certificates under its authority of law, out of which shall be repaid to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund the said sums from the revenue accruing as income, or any part thereof, from said state office building, under terms mutually agreeable to the parties hereof.

— 5 —

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund hereby certify that the Governor and the Comptroller, pursuant to authority of law, have signified in open meeting here today that they consent to the transfer and use of said sum of \$342,728.30 of Trustees funds for the uses and purposes aforesaid, and that they will countersign state warrants in payment of the same for such uses and purposes.

RE: Lake Iamonia Lease to Mrs. George F. Baker

Attorney General Ervin called attention to action of the Trustees July 15, 1952, referring to him for report letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County having reference to Lease No. 193 in favor of Mrs. George F. Baker. The letter from the Board of County Commissioners requested that the Trustees terminate said lease at the earliest possible date as they feel it is not in the best interest of the people of Leon County.

The Attorney General submitted written report on the subject, citing the law and opinions by a former Attorney General having bearing on the subject. The closing part of the report brings out the fact that there is some doubt as to whether the Statutes are sufficient to authorize leasing of the lands in question, but the holding of a former Attorney General appears to hold that the Trustees do have such authority; that in any event this is a judicial question and should be determined at the suit of some interested party; also the question of the rights of the public for fishing, boating and bathing is a legal right to be finally determined by the courts.

Mr. Ervin called attention to the fact that the lease has no provisions that would warrant the Trustees in revoking or rescinding the lease except non-performance under its terms.

Governor Warren remarked that while he was not implying any criticism of the action of the board as constituted when the lease

was granted, knowing the facts now he would not vote to grant such lease; however he does not see any practical way to terminate the lease at this time, but as stated by the Attorney General, any aggrieved person has recourse in the courts.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the report of the Attorney General and call attention to any interested party that they have recourse in the Courts; however, that it is the sense of this board at this time to not renew this lease at its expiration.

The Attorney General suggested that in future the policy of the Trustees be that no such leases be authorized and asked that the Secretary and Land Agent not recommend leases of this kind, which suggestion was concurred in by the Governor.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the following salaries be approved and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	\$ 775.00
Arthur R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	475.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	406.66
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant	290.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	306.66
Jentye Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	361.66
Bonnie G. Sheller, Clerk-Stenographer	246.66
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	175.00
C. M. Green, Rental Agent	50.00
Ruth N. Landers, Maid	25.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 3,111.64

Financial Statements for the month of July, 1952, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of July 1, 1952	\$ 592,688.64
Receipts for the Month	
Land Sales	\$ 89,061.40
Tax Refunds	912.75
Interest on Contracts	107.96
Sale of Fill Material	3,150.00
Sale of Certified Copy of Minutes	2.00
Quitclaim Deed	5.00
Farm Leases	1,745.10
Grazing Lease	1,415.00
Miscellaneous Leases	589.00
Sand and Shell Leases	5,368.91
Timber Leases	67.80
Campsites Lease	25.00
Mineral Lease	75.00

Oil Lease	970.00
Total Receipts for the Month	103,494.92
GRAND TOTAL	696,183.56
Less Disbursements for the Month	67,854.91
BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1952	\$628,328.65

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1952

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
7-16-52	322	Walter I. Dobar	\$ 16.87
	323	Russell V. Kauffman	15.00
7-10-52	626	S. T. Transfer to State School Fund	20,467.05
	627	S. T. Transfer to State Board of Conservation	2,142.60
	1648	L. B. McLeod Constr. Co.	237.00
	1649	Jack Culpepper	4,845.06
7-14-52	3543	A. R. Williams	12.30
	3544	J. Alex Arnette, CCC	1.00
	3545	Douglas Baker, CCC	1.70
	3546	Southeastern Telephone Co.	36.65
	3547	D. T. Farabee, CCC	30.13
	3548	Deeb Builders, Inc.	833.90
7-17-52	7707	John T. Pickett	810.00
	7708	Simmons & Weeks	650.00
7-18-52	9046	Sinclair Wells	11.25
7-31-52	5896	F. C. Elliot	622.25
	5897	Arthur R. Williams	384.35
	5898	A. C. Bridges	311.26
	5899	M. O. Barco	218.03
	5900	Jentye Dedge	308.66
	5901	Bonnie G. Shelfer	189.55
	5902	Sinclair Wells	166.25
	5903	C. M. Greene	47.50
	5904	Ruth N. Landers	23.75
	5905	Blue Cross of Florida	18.20
	5906	Southern States Life Ins. Co....	17.55
	5907	5% Retirement Fund	122.99
	5908	Withholding Tax	391.30
7-28-52	13301	Simmons & Weeks	4,627.60
7-30-52	14123	Graybar Electric Co.	836.00
	14124	Graybar Electric Co.	1,793.98
	14125	Florida State Improvement Com.	1,939.92
	14126	Graybar Electric Co.	4,659.50
	14127	Mobile Steel Co.	8,802.11
7-31-52	16335	Westinghouse Electric Co.	18.72
	16336	Smith Steel Construction Co.	3,345.00
	17176	J. F. Cochran, P.M.	15.00
	17177	J. Alex Arnette, CCC	2.50
	17178	Capital Office Equipment Co.	1.70
	17179	Florida Abstract Co.	27.00

17180	Mabry, Reeves, Carlton, Anderson, Fields and Ward	141.10
18115	Florida State Improvement Com.	8,712.63
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR		
MONTH OF JULY, 1952		\$ 67,854.91

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

7-16-52 \$ 2,030.00

Disbursements from General Revenue:

7-31-52	3814	Ernest Hewitt	315.33
	3815	Mary Clare Pichard	220.06
	3816	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	7.75
	3817	5% Retirement Fund	18.58
	3818	Withholding Tax	56.60

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR
MONTH OF JULY, 1952** \$ 618.32

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Application was presented from Mr. Woodrow M. Melvin of Milton, Florida, on behalf of clients, for oil, gas and mineral lease covering the reserved interest of the State in "All, less Lots 3 and 4, in Section 28, Township 6 North, Range 29 West, Santa Rosa County, Florida."

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees advertise the State's interest in the land for competitive sealed bids as provided under Chapter 22824, Acts of 1945, royalty payments to be not less than one-eighth (1/8) in kind or in value and the amount of \$1.00 per mineral acre annual rental, increasing five (5) per cent annually after the first two years; said lease to be for a primary term of ten (10) years.

The Secretary requested reconsideration of Jefferson County Report No. 83, sale of July 7, 1952, listing bid of \$104.00 from L. C. Folsom. Since the former action declining this bid, further information has disclosed that applicant's father has occupied this land and paid taxes thereon for a number of years, except two years which he failed to pay and therefore was not eligible to receive cancellation of the certificates. It is recommended that in view of these circumstances, the offer be accepted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees rescind former action and now approve and accept bid of Mr. Folsom as shown on Report No. 83, Jefferson County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted.

that the following salaries and bills be approved and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$ 371.66
Mary Clare Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	246.66
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	23.50
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	147.04
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TOTAL.....	\$788.86

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

FULLER WARREN
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

September 2, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated August 5, 1952, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells reported that on July 15, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from John D. Kennedy for purchase of a small island or key known as "Little Money Key", located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, Township 66 South, Range 31 East, containing 0.28 of an acre, more or less, in Monroe County, Florida. The Trustees ordered the land advertised for competitive bids and objections, with a starting bid of \$300.00 an acre. Notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice with proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. The bid of \$300.00 an acre was raised to \$2,998.00 by Joseph A. Kelleher, on behalf of clients, Jake Investment Company, Inc., and was the highest offer received.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$2,998.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Jake Investment Company, Inc.

On July 1, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Claude A. Gandolfo of Key West, Florida, for purchase of two parcels of submerged land containing a total of 3.4 acres lying adjacent to a part of Government Lot 1, Section 34, Township 64 South, Range 35 East, on Long Key, Monroe County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Gandolfo at the price agreed upon, \$100.00 an acre.

On July 15, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$40.00 an acre from G. E. Bryant, Jr., on behalf of Mrs. R. T. Lightsey, for 6.20 acres of lake bottom land adjacent to Lots 33 and 34, Sections 17 and 18, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Okeechobee News on August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mrs. Lightsey at the price agreed upon, \$40.00 an acre.

On July 15, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 an acre from John F. Burkett, Jr., on behalf of Eagle Point, Inc., for purchase of 1.37 acres of submerged land in Section 7, Township 39 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1952, with sale to be held on this date.

Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and objections were filed to the sale by Mr. Robert Baynard, on behalf of Mr. Ben Dunn on the ground that the Court has delineated the land rights of Eagle Point, Inc., and they are different from the rights sought to be acquired; also that the Trustees do not own the land applied for by said applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees postpone action on the sale pending disposition of the objections filed.

On June 24, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 an acre from John F. Burket, Jr., on behalf of Walter R. Howell, for purchase of 2.48 acres of submerged land in Section 26, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Howell at the price agreed upon—\$250.00 an acre.

On July 22, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 an acre from John F. Burket, Jr., on behalf of Carrie M. Logan, for purchase of 1.73 acres of submerged land on Little Sarasota Bay in Section 26, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Carrie M. Logan at the price agreed upon, \$250.00 an acre.

Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of A. Waller Smith, submitted an offer of \$200.00 an acre for two (2) acres of submerged land in Clearwater Harbor, lying west of the west end of Pierce Street, Clearwater,

Florida, in Section 16, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida, said land being adjacent to upland property of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Smith, subject to the land being advertised for objections as required by law.

Mr. J. Velma Keen of Tallahassee, on behalf of L. F. Fernald, submitted an offer of \$250.00 an acre for two islands in the Anclote River, located in Section 33, Township 26 South, Range 15 East, containing 0.32 of an acre in Pasco County, Florida.

Motion was offered by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the two islands for objections and competitive bids, starting at \$250.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells reported that on June 17, 1952, certain submerged land lying easterly of Lots 7, 8 and 9, Block 4, Barr's Subdivision, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County, was advertised for sale, subject to objections only, said land having been applied for by Stanley T. Stoothoff and wife. Objections were filed by Mrs. Cornelia S. Paul, claiming to be the upland owner. The Attorney General's Office holds that the objections are not valid and it is recommended that the objections be overruled; that sale be confirmed in favor of Mr. Stoothoff at the price offered, \$100.00 an acre, but deed not delivered for thirty (30) days, giving parties protesting an opportunity to enjoin delivery of deed if so desired.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees overrule the objections from Mrs. Paul, confirm sale in favor of Mr. Stoothoff at the price agreed upon, and withhold delivery of deed for thirty days as recommended by the Attorney General.

Mr. William L. Conrad submitted an offer of \$43.00 for 0.5 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Lots 1 and 2, Block 15 of Totem Park Subdivision, located in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Conrad, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. O. J. Ebersold submitted an offer of \$100.00 an acre for 3.4 acres of submerged and semi-submerged land lying adjacent to his upland property in Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County, Florida.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and

adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Ebersold, subject to the land being advertised for objections as required by law.

Mr. Ronald M. Green submitted an offer of \$200.00 an acre for 5.57 acres of marginal land in Section 28, Township 18 South, Range 17 East, Citrus County, Florida, adjacent to upland property of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Green, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Ray D. Chamberlin, holder of Lease No. 609, makes application for twenty-year extension of said lease covering Sections 16 and 17, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, Glades County.

Mr. Wells reported that an extension was recently granted extending the lease five years from December 21, 1953, and he recommends that only a five year extension be allowed from the present expiration date.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline the request for twenty-year extension, but that an extension be authorized for a term of five years from December 21, 1958, under the same terms and conditions with the automatic cancellation clause to be included in said lease.

Leo M. Butler, on behalf of the City of Clearwater, makes application for 0.92 of an acre of submerged land in Clearwater Harbor, to be filled in and made a public thoroughfare, located in Section 16, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant request, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law, and if no protests are received that the land be conveyed without cost to the City of Clearwater for public purposes only.

Mr. Jesse B. Bookhardt submits the following applications for submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Volusia County, Florida:

\$74.00 for 0.74 of an acre and \$25.00 for 0.25 of an acre located in Turgot Terrace, Sec. 33, Twp. 17 S., Rge. 34 E.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offers from Mr. Bookhardt, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. O. R. Jones offers \$100.00 for Lot 9, Section 20, Township 18 South, Range 17 East, containing 0.04 of an acre in Citrus County,

Florida, lying within twenty (20) feet of his property. Mr. Wells recommended that in view of its location, the parcel be advertised for objections only.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Jones, subject to the land being advertised for objections only.

Mr. Laurence D. Childs, on behalf of the City of Madeira Beach, submitted an offer of \$400.00 for 2.4 acres of submerged land in Section 9, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, said land being adjacent to upland property of the city, and desired as a site for sewage disposal plant.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to convey the parcel to the City of Madeira Beach without cost, subject to the land being advertised for objections only, the deed to contain the restriction that the land be used for public purposes only.

Mr. Louis Ossinsky, Sr., submitted an offer of \$200.00 an acre for 1.4 acres of submerged land in Lot 3, Section 3, Township 14 South, Range 32, Volusia County, said land being adjacent to his upland property.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

September 16 was fixed as the date for hearing in connection with certain sales of land in Volusia County set aside due to objections filed by the City of Daytona Beach, Florida.

Request was presented from John D. Shepard, on behalf of G. M. Chamlee, that description be changed in Sand Lease No. 824 for the reason that he has been taking sand through error from another area. He asks that his lease be changed to cover the area from which he has been dredging.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant the request and substitute the description in said lease No. 824, said area being located in Section 30, Township 28 South, Range 38 East, Brevard County.

Mr. Elliot reported verbally in connection with Lake Apopka and what will be necessary to control the water level and prevent damage to surrounding rich agricultural and grove areas in that section. In order to take care of present conditions Mr. Elliot recommended that he be authorized to arrange with some contractor in that section to haul and deposit rip-rap, which the State Road Department has

agreed to furnish, for making Apopka-Beauclair control structure safe. He feels that this work will strengthen the present structure sufficiently until arrangements can be made by local interests for permanent controlling works in the lake.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to have the rip-rap hauled and deposited as recommended.

The Secretary presented bill from Clewiston Motor Company amounting to \$2,980.00 for Diesel Power Unit authorized purchased by the Trustees June 17, 1952, for use at Co-Op Project No. 2, Section 21, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County. It was explained that Pelican Bay Co-Op, lessee of said land, has agreed to pay one-half the purchase price of said unit. William A. Thiebaud, secretary of the Co-Op, has requested that the Trustees add said amount—\$1490.00—to the first lease payment by the Co-Op. The secretary recommends that the request be granted, the Trustees paying the full amount and taking title to the Diesel Unit in the name of the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve payment of the full amount and add one-half—\$1490.00—to the first lease payment of the Co-Op, with title to the engine being in the Trustees; that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrant in payment of the following:

Clewiston Motor Company, Clewiston, Florida 1 Model D-315 "Caterpillar" Diesel Power Unit, complete; Serial 9-S-8703, delivered and installed in Pump House, Co-Op No. 2	\$2,980.00
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SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Clay	8-9-52	1
Jackson	7-28-52	1
Jefferson	7-7-52	1
Nassau	8-18-52	1
Santa Rosa	8-4-52	1
Volusia	7-22-52	4
Walton	4-30-51	2
Washington	5-19-52	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and

adopted, that the Trustees grant requests presented and authorize execution and delivery of the following deeds:

Broward County Deed No. 3181-A to Leo Rosen to correct part of description in original Deed No. 3181 dated Aug. 11, 1947, to same grantee.

Hendry County Deed No. 161-A to J. D. McLeod to correct the description of last parcel in original Deed No. 161 dated Oct. 15, 1951, to same grantee.

Pt. Indian River County Quitclaim Deed No. 253-Cor. to Jennie Hanewacker to correct number of quitclaim deed dated July 8, 1952, which was incorrectly numbered "246".

Pt. Dade County Quitclaim Deed No. 03-Chapter 21684-Dupl. to S. F. Daniels, Inc. issued in lieu of quitclaim deed, same number, dated Mar. 21, 1950, lost without having been recorded.

Mr. Elliot presented for reconsideration Leon County Report No. 83, sale of April 21, 1952, listing bid of \$35.00 from St. Joe Paper Company for land in Sections 27 and 28, Township 1 South, Range 2 East, in the town of Walton, Florida. The Trustees rejected this bid and fixed a price of \$20.00 an acre for the land, however, further information has been received and it is recommended that the Trustees agree to accept \$15.00 an acre for the 14 acres, without further advertisement and sale, St. Joe Paper Company having been the high bidder at sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees fix a price of \$15.00 an acre for the land bid in by St. Joe Paper Company, as recommended by the Secretary.

Request was presented from the City of St. Cloud, Florida, that the Trustees convey Lot 414, Plat of Seminole Land & Investment Company's S/D of Section 1, Township 26 South, Range 30 East, comprising 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres of land in Osceola County. The parcel is desired for future expansion of the cemetery.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the lot, under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, upon payment of \$5.00.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

FULLER WARREN

Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

September 9, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor

C. M. Gay, Comptroller

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer

Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

The Secretary presented for approval the minutes of August 19, 1952.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Elliot explained that through error the Trustees conveyed bottom lands of Lake Conway, Orange County, to the Leland Heirs by Deed No. 19853 dated August 1951, 3.49 acres of which lie in front of and adjacent to upland property of another party; that Chapter 253.38, Florida Statutes, fixes the status of riparian owners with reference to this type of land and the Trustees had no authority to convey to another person. In conference with Mr. Burns of the Attorney General's office, it was agreed that the proper procedure would be to recommend that correction deed be issued to grantees in Deed No. 19853 on the ground that the Trustees are prohibited under this statute from conveying reclaimed lake bottoms to other than the upland owner; that said corrective deed be recorded and refund warrant issued for the difference represented by reduced acreage.

The reason for handling the matter in this manner is that it has not been possible to get an amicable adjustment with grantees under Deed No. 19853 although the adjacent owner, Mr. C. L. Loveless, has offered to pay to the Leland heirs a fair price for the lake bottom in front of his upland property, which is included in Trustees' Deed No. 19853 to Leland heirs.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of correction deed and refund as recommended by Mr. Elliot, with deed to be recorded in Orange County records.

Mr. Elliot presented bill from W. P. Kelly, County Surveyor for Orange County, in amount of \$219.00 sent in by his wife with infor-

mation that Mr. Kelly was critically ill in the hospital and that they would appreciate a check for the work. The service rendered by Mr. Kelly was based on authority from the Trustees to have certain work done in the Lake Conway area at an estimated cost of approximately \$200.00. Mr. Elliot recommends that under the circumstances the Trustees approve payment at this time of \$150.00 on account, and when the job is completed the remainder can be paid.

Mr. Elliot also stated that if necessary he believed that his office could complete the records on the work performed by Mr. Kelly as all the field notes have been completed and preliminary sketches and drawings made.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of warrant in amount of \$150.00 on account, payable to Mr. W. P. Kelly, and if and when the work is completed by Mr. Kelly that payment of the balance be presented to the Trustees for approval.

Mr. Elliot recommended approval of the following with reference to payments for land to comprise a part of the Capitol Center in Tallahassee, purchase of said land having been authorized by action of the Trustees August 19, 1952:

1. Authority for payment of the following:

Julia Walker Mays and sons	\$27,334.00
Louise Shuford	14,017.50
Canal Timber Corporation	45,237.00
2. Authorize issuance of requisition for warrants on each of remaining parcels in amounts agreed upon for which options are held, without further presentation to the Trustees for approval;
3. That as and when the Court fixes award for property under suit in condemnation, authorize issuance of requisition for warrants in said fixed amounts without further approval by Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the above recommendations of Mr. Elliot as the action of the board and authorize issuance of warrants by the Comptroller in payment of the amounts listed above.

The Secretary and Engineer recommended payment of an additional \$500.00 for extra work performed by John Pickett, engineer employed to do certain field examination in Township 44 South, Range 39 East, Palm Beach County, identified as Project No. 4.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize payment of the additional \$500.00 as recommended by the Secretary.

Mr. W. P. Clark, Florida representative of Radcliff Gravel Company, and Dr. R. M. Ingle, Assistant Director of the Conservation Department, came before the Trustees with request that the company be allowed to resume dredging operations under its Sand and Gravel Lease No. 753, particularly in the Choctawhatchee Bay area.

Dr. Ingle reported that the Conservation Department has made examination of the area and they are convinced that dredging the dead oyster shell will not damage the shrimp, oysters and fish in that area, and Mr. Vathis, Supervisor of the Conservation Department, has approved granting request of the Radcliff Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant authority for Radcliff Gravel Company to resume dredging operations for dead oyster shell in the Choctawhatchee Bay area under its Lease No. 753.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize payment of the following bills and expenses, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To Prin. State School Fund	\$15,783.16
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State Board of Conservation	2,227.78
F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary Expenses re Lake Apopka in Orange County ..	11.25
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla. Expenses re Foreclosure Mtg. 17238	30.45
Mrs. W. P. Kelly, Orlando, Fla. Investigation of high water on Lake Conway ..	150.00
John T. Pickett, Pahokee, Fla. Fees for survey of Project No. 4	1,512.00
John T. Pickett, Pahokee, Fla. Fees for survey, Project No. 2	461.33
Simmons & Weeks, Inc., Belle Glade, Fla. Excavation work	2,411.25
Jack Frye, New York, N. Y. Refund—overpayment on land purchase	4.60
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	36.50
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. ...	8.33
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	37.43
Lloyd Hendry, Ft. Myers, Fla. Masters fee, foreclosure Mtg. 17238	25.00
Scott Register, Bradenton, Fla. Foreclosure Mtg. 17702	25.00
Amos Hall, Sheriff Broward County Foreclosure Mtg. 17834—for serving notices ...	12.70
L. R. Holton, Sheriff DeSoto County Foreclosure Mtg. 17238—for serving notices	11.10
Hunt, Salley & Roman, Miami, Fla. Re case of Trustees vs Claughton, et al	14.55

Bryce Elevator Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	
Payment No. 1 for elevator installation	11,748.87
Jack Culpepper, Tallahassee, Fla.	
Payment No. 3 for elevator shaft construction ..	3,589.65
Westinghouse Elec. Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa.	
For machinery	570.16
Spanish Trail Transport Inc., Mobile, Ala.	3.95
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	TOTAL..... \$38,669.06

Financial Statements for the month of August, 1952, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of August 1, 1952	\$628,328.65
Receipts for the month:	
Land Sales	\$33,044.31
Land Sales—Ch. 14717—	
Palm Beach County	400.00
Land Lease	50.00
Quitclaim Deeds	25.00
Interest on Contracts	23.00
Tax Refunds	69.45
Campsite Lease	25.00
Miscellaneous Leases	375.00
Sand, Shell and Gravel Leases	3,377.22
Oil Leases	31,966.06
Mineral Lease	110.67
Timber Lease	38.40
Grazing Leases	465.30
Total Receipts for the Month	69,969.41
GRAND TOTAL	698,298.06
Less Disbursements for the month	298,642.28
BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1952	\$399,655.78

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 1952

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
8-4-52	21795	Capital City National Bank	\$246,808.40
8-5-52	22588	Westinghouse Electric Corp.	415.22
	22509	State Treasurer—Tr. to	
		General Revenue	7,178.20
	22586	Sinclair Wells	26.92
	22587	W. R. Culbreath	67.51
8-6-52	24658	Mobile Steel Co.	2,335.48
	24659	M R & R Trucking Co.	200.42
	24660	Spanish Trail Transportation Co..	539.15
	24661	Jack Culpepper	3,013.38
	24655	Hunt, Salley & Roman	258.50
	24656	Okeechobee Abstract Co.	500.00
	24657	Ted Cabot, CCC	480.00

8-7-52	25686	Southeastern Telephone Co.	89.15
	25687	Western Union Telegraph Co.	12.33
	25688	Standard Oil Co.	33.16
	25689	Railway Express Agency	1.64
	25690	The Key West Citizen	23.00
	25691	Dorothy Pierce	10.00
	25692	Ivey Motors, Inc.	15.50
	25693	State Office Supply Inc.	1.50
	25694	Capital Office Equipment Co.	8.75
8-13-52	30550	State Treasurer—Transfer to Principal State School Fund	23,715.93
	30551	State Treasurer—Transfer to State Board Conservation	4,577.60
8-14-52	32989	John T. Pickett	270.00
	32990	Prewitt & Nall	4,600.00
8-20-52	38030	A. R. Williams	11.25
	38031	The Geo. D. Barnard Co.	47.90
	38032	Rose Printing Co.	65.00
	38550	Smith Steel Construction Co.	148.88
8-30-52	42078	F. C. Elliot	622.25
	42079	Arthur R. Williams	384.35
	42080	A. C. Bridges	311.26
	42081	J. B. Linn	266.50
	42082	M. O. Barco	218.03
	42083	Jentye Dedge	308.66
	42084	Bonnie G. Shelfer	189.55
	42085	Sinclair Wells	166.25
	42086	C. M. Greene	47.50
	42087	Ruth N. Landers	23.75
	42088	Blue Cross of Florida	24.40
	42089	Southern States Life Ins. Co.	17.55
	42090	5% Retirement Fund	137.49
	42091	Withholding Tax	394.10
8-28-52	45817	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	3.87
	45818	Rose Printing Co.	17.00
	45819	The Times Publishing Co.	32.50
	45820	The Palm Beach Post	22.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH			
OF AUGUST, 1952			\$298,642.28

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

August 1 \$ 1,676.25

Disbursements from General Revenue:

8-20-52	37429	Southeastern Telephone Co.	23.50
	37430	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	147.04
8-30-52	38885	Ernest Hewitt	315.33
	38886	Mary Clare Pichard	220.06
	38887	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	7.75
	38888	5% Retirement Fund	18.58

38889	Withholding Tax	56.60
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH		
OF AUGUST, 1952	\$	788.86

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Bay	8-8-52	14
Flagler	7-28-52	1
Flagler	8-25-52	2
Lake	8-11-52	9
Marion	9-1-52	1
Orange	8-4-52	23
Seminole	7-28-52	64
Volusia	8-4-52	6

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize issuance and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of Hillsborough County Deed Deed No. 4094-Duplicate in favor of A. L. Midyette in lieu of original Deed No. 4094 dated July 10, 1945, reported lost without having been recorded, upon payment of \$5.00.

Application was presented from Seminole County for conveyance of the North 25 feet of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 22, Township 21 South, Range 31 East, 0.38 of an acre, to be used as right of way for a road to colored cemetery.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees convey the parcel under provisions of Chapter 21684, without restrictions, upon payment of \$5.00, or at the option of the county, conveyance to be made without cost but with restriction in the deed that the land be used for public purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize disclaiming interest in Murphy Act certificates on land in Alachua, Hernando, Okaloosa and St. Lucie Counties, certified to the Trustees under Chapter 18296, the Attorney General's office having approved such action on the ground that the certificates vested no title in the State.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the following bills be approved and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	\$30.50
Wyatts Business Machines, Tallahassee, Fla.	12.50
Railway Express Service, Tallahassee, Fla.	1.71
N. O. Smyth, Crestview, Fla.	
Refund, Murphy Act Deed No. 404	17.00
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TOTAL	\$61.71

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

FULLER WARREN
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

September 16, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Clerk

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated August 12 and 19, 1952, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

On July 22 and August 5, 1952, the Trustees considered application from Commonwealth Oil Company for an oil and gas lease, with offer of sixty (60) cents per acre per annum rental, plus royalty payments of one-eighth (1/8) in kind or in value, covering the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 1, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 2, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 3, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 4, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 6, and all of Sections 13 and 14, in Township 54 South, Range 36 East, containing a total of 3200 acres, more or less, of swamp and overflowed land in Dade County. The land is covered by Surface Easements No. 19684 and No. 19777 to Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District.

The land was ordered advertised for competitive bids as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Miami Herald and the Tallahassee Democrat on August 15, 22, 29, September 5 and 12, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and only one bid was received, such offer being \$1920.00 for the first year's rental on the basis of \$0.60 an acre, said rental to increase 5% of such original amount after the first two years, and shall be for a primary term of ten (10) years.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Commonwealth Oil Company of \$1920.00 per annum, plus 5% increase after the first two years, and plus one-eighth royalty, and authorize oil and gas lease in its favor covering the land described in the published notice.

On July 29, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$50.00 an acre from Dudley B. Rawls for purchase of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 22, and all of Section 10, Township 50 South, Range 39 East, containing 960 acres, more or less, in Broward County, Florida. The land was ordered advertised for competitive bids as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Fort Lauderdale News on August 14, 21, 28; September 4 and 11, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and the only bid received was \$50.00 an acre from Mr. Rawls.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bid of \$50.00 an acre from Mr. Rawls and confirm sale in his favor.

On July 15, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$210.00 from W. P. Allen for purchase of that part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 26 East, lying outside the waters of Lake Buffum, containing 13.9 acres, more or less, in Polk County, Florida. The land was ordered advertised with a starting bid of \$210.00 for the parcel.

Mr. Wells called the land out and reported that he has received a bid of \$310.00 from Donald L. Brown of Bartow, Florida, and a later bid of \$510.00 from W. S. Garrard. The bidding started at \$510.00 and closed with an offer of \$2600.00 for the parcel from Sam Stickney.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$2600.00 from Mr. Stickney for the land advertised and confirm sale in his favor.

On July 22, 1952, the Trustees considered an offer of \$100.00 an acre from Joe Griffin, represented by J. M. Couse, for purchase of

a parcel of sovereignty land lying between the State Meander and the Right of Way of Okeechobee U. S. Government Levee in Sections 19 and 30, Township 42 South, Range 34 East, containing 41.8 acres, more or less, in Glades County, Florida. The land was ordered advertised for objections, as required by law, and for competitive bids starting at \$100.00 an acre. Notice of the sale was published in the Moore Haven Democrat on August 15, 22, 29, September 5 and 12, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. Competitive bids were invited and the only offer received was \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Griffin.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bid of \$100.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Griffin.

On July 29, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Mrs. Eva P. Rowley, represented by Anderson Bouchelle, for purchase of 4.45 acres, more or less, of submerged land, in the City of Port Orange, Florida, located in Section 41, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on August 14, 21, 28, September 4 and 11, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and objections were filed by Lawrence Michael on the ground that the land is adjacent to the only existing channel which permits passage of deep sea boats to his docks for moorage.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the sale be continued pending outcome of the objections, and that no further action be taken until both parties have been notified.

On July 29, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Roy Worley and wife, represented by William G. Akridge, for purchase of 1.35 acres of submerged land in Section 31, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Cocoa Tribune on August 14, 21, 28, September 4 and 11, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Department.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that objections have been filed by C. R. Fortenberry and Ralph R. Moody on the ground that any filling or construction in or on the described land would block an inshore channel now open to naviga-

tion for small boats and will also interfere with the free flow of water through the relief opening at the west end of the Causeway on State Road 520.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the sale be continued for further study and investigation of the objections filed.

On August 5, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Joel Phillips, represented by Leo M. Butler, for purchase of 0.72 of an acre of submerged land in Indian Rock South Shore S/D, Section 24, Township 30 South, Range 14 East, Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the St. Petersburg Times on August 18, 25, September 1, 8 and 15, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Phillips at the price agreed upon, \$150.00 an acre.

On August 5, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Henry Beeuwkes and wife, represented by A. Mack Wing, for purchase of 1.89 acres of submerged land in Section 7, Township 32 South, Range 17 East, Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the St. Petersburg Times on August 18, 25, September 1, 8 and 18, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Beeuwkes and wife at the price agreed upon, \$200.00 an acre.

On July 29, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 an acre from Samuel B. Dudley, represented by V. Morris Smith, for purchase of 10.11 acres of submerged land in Sections 26 and 35, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on August 15, 22, 29, September 5 and 12, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Dudley at the price agreed upon, \$250.00 an acre.

On July 22, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Roy R. Thomas for purchase of 1 acre of submerged land in Section 29, Township 18 South, Range 17 East, Citrus County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Citrus County Chronicle on August 14, 21, 28, September 4 and 11, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Thomas at the price agreed upon, \$200.00 an acre.

On May 20, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$500.00 an acre from John H. Couse, represented by Russell O. Morrow, for purchase of 2.12 acres of submerged land in Section 35, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on August 15, 22, 29, September 5 and 12, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Couse at the price agreed upon, \$500.00 an acre.

On July 29, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 an acre from the City of South Bay, represented by Ralph O. Johnson, for purchase of 8.55 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Section 11, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on August 14, 21, 28, September 4 and 11, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

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Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of the City of South Bay at the price agreed upon, \$10.00 an acre, the land to be used solely for public purposes.

On July 29, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Floyd W. Davis, represented by W. A. Parrish, for purchase of 2.18 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Section 9, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on August 14, 21, 28, September 4 and 11, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Davis at the price agreed upon, \$200.00 an acre.

On July 15, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Edwin J. Williams for purchase of approximately 2 acres of sovereignty land lying adjacent to and westerly of Lots 22, 23 and 24, Block 3, Wilbur-By-The-Sea, Second Addition, less Right of Way for public channels, in Township 16 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on August 15, 22, 29, September 5 and 12, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Williams at the price agreed upon, \$100.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells reported that W. L. Towns, representative of the United States Wildlife Service, who has filed Declaration of Taking for 16,887 acres of swamp and sovereignty land in Citrus County, Florida, has suggested a total price of \$13,700.35 as being a fair compensation for the land. He asks if there are any objections from the Trustees as to such valuation.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted,

that the matter be held for discussion with the County Commissioners of Citrus County as they may have some objection to this price.

Mr. Roger M. Gilbert submitted an offer of \$300.00 an acre for 0.072 of an acre, more or less, of reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Conway, adjacent to his upland property in Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Gilbert, subject to the land being advertised for objections only.

Smith Motors, Inc., represented by Charles A. Robinson, submitted an offer of \$150.00 an acre for a strip of submerged land 100 feet in width and 500 feet in length, lying adjacent to their upland property in Section 32, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was offered by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Smith Motors, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

David R. Curry and wife, represented by Henry S. Baynard, submitted an offer of \$200.00 an acre for 0.99 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 9, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was offered by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Curry, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. L. L. Smith, represented by John F. Burkett, Jr., submitted an offer of \$250.00 an acre for 0.492 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 35, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Smith, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. L. F. Bradley, represented by Mr. John F. Burkett, Jr., submitted an offer of \$250.00 an acre for 0.475 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 35, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Bradley, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. Wells requested that a date be set for hearing on an applica-

tion from Eagle Point, Inc., for certain land in Sarasota County, Section 7, Township 39 South, Range 19 East, containing 1.37 acres. Objections were filed at the sale on September 2, 1952, by Robert S. Baynard, on behalf of Ben Dunn. Without objection, the Trustees fixed September 30, 1952, as a date for hearing the objections to said sale.

Mr. Wells reported that this date was set for hearing objections to sale of Volusia County land, applied for by Loyal Order of Moose, represented by Anderson Bouchelle, and advertised for sale July 15, 1952. Objections were filed by William W. Judge, on behalf of the City of Daytona, and by Alfred E. Hawkins, on behalf of John Lee Bond. Mr. Fred Burns, Assistant Attorney General, has gone thoroughly into the protests and a plan of procedure has been worked out with the applicant and the City of Daytona, which will assure each upland owner that he will receive his proportionate part of the area advertised. Mr. Hawkins stated that he could not commit himself until the survey has been completed and he has opportunity to examine the proposed division of the area. He asked that the sale be continued until he can make this examination.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees continue the sale pending outcome of the objections.

Mr. Wells requested confirmation of informal action taken by three members of the Trustees granting South Daytona Improvement Association permission to fill a marsh area in that community in order to clean up mosquito infested land. Fill material will be taken from the river in front of the property to be filled in Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm action taken by three members and authorize South Daytona Improv. Assoc. to remove fill material as requested, at no cost to the city.

Mr. W. Edward Denton of Sarasota, Florida, made an offer of \$100.00 for purchase of Lot 6, Block 29, Sarasota Beach, Sarasota County, Florida. Title to this lot vested in the Trustees under Chapter 14572 of 1929. Subsequently the City of Sarasota assessed the lot for taxes and as a result of non-payment of such tax, erroneously assessed, the lot was foreclosed on by the city and deed issued to an individual in 1943. Mr. Denton is successor in title to the city's grantee.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that in view of the circumstances the Trustees accept the offer and issue deed in favor of Mr. Denton at the price offered.

Mr. Elliot reported that there is a balance of \$304,150.97 due the Trustees from General Revenue, representing a part of the loan of

\$600,000.00 authorized under Chapters 11340 and 11341, Acts of 1925. Florida Statutes of 1951, Section 253.48 provides for repayment of this loan.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the matter be referred to the Comptroller for determination.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Engineer and Secretary be authorized to purchase an adding machine for his office at a cost of \$510.00, replacing an old machine in service for 35 years.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize payment of the following salaries and bills:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	\$ 775.00
Arthur R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	475.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	406.66
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant	290.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	306.66
Jentye Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	361.66
Bonnie G. Shafter, Clerk-Stenographer	246.66
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	175.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
Ruth N. Landers, Maid	25.00
Deeb Builders, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	
Payment No. 1 for Duct Work Installation in North Wing of Capitol	19,130.34
Modern Air Conditioners, Tallahassee, Fla.	
Equipment for Old House and Senate Chambers	7,109.46
 TOTAL.....	\$ 29,351.44

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received from sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Leon	4-21-52	2
Osceola	5-26-52	87

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and

adopted, that the following deeds be executed for the purpose of releasing state road right of way in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department:

- Brevard County Quitclaim Deed No. 940 to Edw. H. Anderson & wife
- Brevard County Q.C. Deed No. 1019 to John W. Davis
- Broward County Q.C. Deed No. 2137 & 2138 to Roy C. Jones
- Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 2630 to Richard W. Neil
- Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 2154 to Franz Schori & wife
- Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 03-Ch. 21684 to William Dock
- Pt. Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 08-Ch. 21684 to Robert E. Fisher and Sophie S. Fisher, an undivided one-half interest, and Harold N. Feinbert, an undivided one-half interest
- Pt. Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 4630 to John H. Gasaway, Jr. and Mary Ann Gasaway
- Pt. Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 3037 to J. H. Bragg & wife
- Pt. Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 2582 to Nicholas Rodriguez and Eugenia Rodriguez
- Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 810 to J. R. Mynatt & wife
- Pt. Lafayette County Q.C. Deed No. 34 to St. Marys Kraft Corp.
- Pt. Palm Beach County Q.C. Deed No. 1874 to Leo Rosen
- Pasco County Q.C. Deeds Nos. 660, 1006 and 1492 to H. A. Simms & wife
- St. Johns County Q. C. Deed No. 825 to Walter H. Slater & wife
- Pt. Volusia County Q.C. Deed No. 2062 to Jewel Riesen

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way through Murphy Act land in Columbia County, desired for use in connection with State Road No. 10, Sec. 2901 (504).

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request and authorize right of way easement to the State Road Department covering the North 7 feet of Lots 15 and 16, Block 2, Lake Lona Park S/D, comprising 0.008 of an acre in Columbia County.

The Secretary recommended declining bid of \$281.00 from Civic Investments, Inc., listed on Brevard County Report No. 118, sale of August 18, 1952. Information has been received that the applicant, W. J. Vaughn, owing to unavoidable circumstances, was unable to be at the Court House until ten minutes after the sale was held. He has posted with the Clerk an offer of \$380.00 as base bid for readvertisement and new sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and

adopted, that the Trustees decline bid from Civic Investments, Inc., as presented by the Secretary, and authorize readvertisement and new sale based on bid of \$380.00 from W. T. Vaughn.

Application was presented from Hillsborough County with offer of \$25.00 for purchase of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 29 South, Range 22 East, comprising 10 acres, on which a colored school building is located.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the land in favor of Hillsborough County, under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, at the price offered, with the public purpose clause included in the deed, or that the Trustees convey without any restrictions in the deed upon payment of \$50.00, which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in Murphy Act certificates covering land in Franklin and Liberty Counties, as approved by the Attorney General's office for cancellation on the ground that no title vested in the state through said certificates.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following salaries be paid, and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$ 371.66
Mary Clare Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	246.66
TOTAL.....	\$ 618.32

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller—Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

September 18, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in special called session, in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor

C. M. Gay, Comptroller

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer

Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Commissioner of Agriculture Nathan Mayo requested that the Trustees allow redemption at this time of \$150,000.00 of the \$300,000.00 Agricultural and Citrus Inspection Building Revenue certificates held by the Trustees. Mr. Mayo explained that the Citrus Inspection Fund has sufficient money on hand to take up this amount, and the Citrus Commission has joined in the request, in order to save the interest on the certificates. He also asked that as and when funds become available for the purpose the Trustees allow redemption of the remaining certificates held by said Fund.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of Mr. Mayo and the Florida Citrus Commission, allowing redemption of \$150,000.00 of the Agricultural and Citrus Inspection Building Revenue Certificates and any or all of the remaining \$150,000.00 as and when funds are on hand for that purpose. It was so ordered.

The Secretary inquired as to whether or not the Trustees desired that the \$150,000.00 to be received for Agricultural and Citrus Inspection Building certificates be reinvested immediately in other securities.

Comptroller Gay suggested that the money be placed in the fund and action on the matter be deferred until the next meeting as there might be some additional expense coming up in the meantime.

Mr. Elliot also called attention to an Act of the Legislature, Section 253.48, that provides for repayment from General Revenue of \$304,150.97 being the remainder of a loan of \$600,000.00 made available in 1925 for construction of the Martin Building, the Main Prison building and facilities at Boys Industrial School; that in the event additional funds are requested for completion of the Capitol Building improvements, this money could be made available or transferred

through the medium of the Trustees for the purpose of these improvements.

Comptroller Gay reported that this subject was being considered and as soon as he has opportunity to take it up with the Governor, he will make recommendation to the Trustees.

Governor Warren welcomed a delegation composed of Senators and Representatives in the Florida Legislature. He asked Senator Charley E. Johns, President-elect of the Senate, to introduce the members of his committee, and Mr. Kenneth Ballinger, Representative-elect, to present the members on the House committee.

Senator Johns introduced Senator-elect Edwin G. Pearce, Senator S. Dilworth Clarke, Senator-elect C. H. Bourke Floyd, Senator Dewey M. Johnson, and Senator-elect George G. Tapper.

Representative-elect Kenneth Ballinger introduced the following members of his committee: Mr. Davis H. Atkinson, Leon County, Speaker-Protem elect of the House of Representatives, Mr. E. B. McFarland of Gadsden County, Mr. Moody Pearce, Wakulla County, and Mr. Prentice P. Pruitt, Jefferson County.

Governor Warren explained that the meeting was called to discuss with representatives from the Senate and House the need for additional funds to complete renovation of the Capitol Building to provide adequate quarters for the Senate and House and installation of an elevator and air-conditioning for the north wing of the building; that the 1951 Legislature appropriated \$150,000.00 from Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, which was far short of the amount necessary to do the work; that the Trustees have since made available an additional \$371,301.00 and it now appears that additional funds are needed to complete the work, which will run the total cost to \$608,555.06. The Governor asked the delegation to express its views on the subject.

Senator Johns stated that he felt that everything being done is very much needed and that it should be completed; that the reason for coming before the board today was to request additional funds to finish the work; that he would like the records to show, however, that the entire expenditure is not exclusively for the benefit of the Senate and House but provides air conditioning for the North wing used by state offices.

Governor Warren asked Senator Johns if it is the feeling of the Senators and Representatives that the 1953 Legislature will make an appropriation to reimburse the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the amounts expended on this work.

Senator Johns replied that it was his understanding that the Legislature would do that. Mr. Ballinger concurred in that opinion, stating that he felt they would have sufficient votes in the House to provide the appropriation to reimburse the Fund.

All members of the House and Senate Committee expressed the

view that the work should be completed and as expeditiously as possible in order that it be ready for the 1953 session of the Legislature; also that they are all in agreement as to the appropriation for refunding the money made available by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

The meeting was recessed in order for the Cabinet members to take the Senate and House delegation on a tour of the Capitol to examine the work being done.

After the recess the meeting re-convened and general discussion followed as to the need for additional space for Capitol employees as well as for the Legislative body; also as to whether the additional amount requested will complete the work.

A representative from the Improvement Commission stated that he felt sure that it would be completed without further funds, however that there is one possibility of a small expense being necessary in boring one of the wells and that would be for additional cement to fill fissures that could be encountered, but that is not probable.

Discussion was had as to the proper motion to be made, the Trustees having indicated their willingness to allocate the additional funds, and suggestions were offered for consideration.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that in view of the unofficial sanction of both the Senate and House, represented by the delegation present today, of the release of said funds to complete the work in the Capitol, including renovation of the old Senate and House chambers, also the assurance of the delegation that every effort will be made to secure an appropriation to reimburse the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund the amount of \$608,550.66, that the Trustees supply the additional amount of \$237,249.66 to complete the work in addition to what has already been spent. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

FULLER WARREN
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
September 30, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated September 2, 9, 16 and 18, 1952, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Elliot presented application from the District Engineer, Jacksonville, Florida, for lease covering that part of unsurveyed land in N $\frac{3}{4}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 17, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, lying North and East of U. S. Government meander line through the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of said section, containing 97.5 acres in Palm Beach County. The area applied for is in Lake Mangonia and is desired as a Rifle Range and other requirements of the Air Force.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant the request and authorize year to year lease in favor of the United States, not to extend beyond 1957, for a consideration of \$1.00 for the term of the lease.

Letter was presented from Mr. Evans Crary of Stuart, Florida, representing L. F. Roland, offering \$200.00 for purchase of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, Township 40 South, Range 38 East, containing 20 acres in Martin County.

Information was given that title to this parcel came to the Trustees through settlement with Everglades Drainage District under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931; that Mr. Roland purchased the property May 5, 1943, under tax deed issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Martin County, has fenced and occupied the land and paid taxes thereon since date of tax deed. Mr. Crary stated that Mr. Roland is quite old and in bad health; that he has an opportunity to sell the land if he can purchase the equity of the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the land to Mr. Roland at the price offered.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Mr. H. A. Paul, of the law firm of Loftin, Anderson, Scott, etc., Miami, Florida, giving notice that bill of injunction will be filed in connection with proposed sale of Volusia County land to Stanley T. Stoothoff. Mr. Paul desires information as to acceptance of service by the Trustees. Mr. Elliot recommends that in view of the limited time for filing suit—October 3—the Trustees authorize the Attorney General to accept service without issuance of subpoena and formal service on each member of the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve and adopt the recommendation of the Secretary as the action of the board. It was so ordered.

Mr. Wells reported that on September 2, 1952, objections were filed to the sale of 1.37 acres of submerged land in Section 7, Township 39 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County, applied for by John F. Burkett, Jr., on behalf of Eagle Point, Inc., who offered \$350.00 an acre for the land. The objections were filed by Robert S. Baynard, on behalf of Benjamin Dunn, and by Beverley M. White, on behalf of John F. Lourcey, with hearing to be held on this date.

Mr. Wells stated that investigation has disclosed that objection from Mr. Lourcey has no merit as his upland property is in an entirely different location to the land applied for by Eagle Point, Inc., and that Mr. Burkett and Mr. Baynard have reached an agreement and will send up an amended description to be used in conveying the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees overrule the objections filed by Mr. Lourcey for the reason that the land advertised for sale is not adjacent to his upland property, and that action on the sale be postponed until Messrs. Burkett and Baynard have filed copy of agreement reached as to division of the property.

On September 16, 1952, objections were filed to the sale of 1.35 acres of submerged land in Section 31, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County, applied for by William G. Akridge, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Worley, who offered \$100.00 an acre for said parcel. Objections filed by C. R. Fortenberry and Ralph R. Moody were on the ground that any filling or construction would block a channel now open to navigation.

Based on recommendation from the Engineer, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees over-rule the objections on the ground that sale of the property will not affect any rights of the parties complaining.

On September 16, 1952, objections were filed to the sale of 4.45 acres of submerged land in Section 31, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County, applied for by Anderson C. Bouchelle, on behalf of Mrs. Eva P. Rowley who offered \$150.00 an acre for the parcel. Lawrence Michael objected to the sale on the ground that the land advertised is adjacent to the only existing channel which permits passage of deep sea boats to his docks. The Engineer's office advises that the necessary pumping and dredging to be done will deepen and widen the channel.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees over-rule the objections from Mr. Michael as sale of the property will not affect any rights he may have.

Mr. William H. Vanderbilt, through his attorney, Frank Evans,

offered \$100.00 an acre for approximately 42.95 acres of submerged land in Sections 2 and 3, Township 42 South, Range 20 East, Charlotte County, adjacent to his upland ownership.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Vanderbilt, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. Frank B. Snively, on behalf of Hamilton Growers, Inc., made an offer of \$20.00 an acre for the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 39 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids starting at \$20.00 an acre.

Mr. D. Wallace Fields, on behalf of Bayshore Estates, Inc., submitted an offer of \$150.00 an acre for 1.2 acres of submerged land adjacent to its upland property in Section 20, Township 29 South, Range 18 East, Hillsborough County. Applicant desires to purchase and fill the property 1000 feet out into Tampa Bay.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Bayshore Estates, Inc., subject to the parcel being advertised for objections as required by law.

Application was presented from Fred R. Tuerk with offer of \$25.00 for a small island described as Tract 19, Section 30, Township 32 South, Range 40 East, containing 0.45 of an acre in Indian River County. Mr. Tuerk purchased all of the surrounding land from the Trustees in 1950, under Deed No. 19649.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the island to Mr. Tuerk without advertisement.

Mr. W. H. Jones, Jr., submitted an offer of \$700.00 per acre for 0.20 of an acre of sovereignty land abutting his property in Lot H-7 according to Supplemental Plat of Sections 5, 8 and 17, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the parcel without advertisement.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that October 7, 1952, be set as the date for having discussion

in connection with objections filed by city and county officials to sale of land advertised for March 6, 1952, comprising 280 acres of submerged land in Sections 26 and 35, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County, applied for by Doyle E. Carlton, on behalf of Bird Key Corporation, with an offer of \$150.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise for objections only, as required by law, the following parcels of land applied for by owners of the adjacent upland property:

Bird Key Corporation, represented by Doyle E. Carlton, with offer of \$200.00 an acre for 22.3 acres of submerged land in Section 26, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County;

Albert E. Dunn and wife, represented by A. Mark Wing, with offer of \$200.00 an acre for approximately 1.84 acres of submerged land lying in front of Lot 11, Block A, Bahma Beach Replat of St. Petersburg, in Section 7, Township 32 South, Range 17 East, Pinellas County;

Walter Collany with offer of \$100.00 an acre for approximately 3 acres of bay flats around Island No. 9, Section 30, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County. (Island No. 9 is owned by Mr. Collany);

Dr. W. R. Matthews, represented by Neil Barnum, with offer of \$300.00 an acre for 0.24 of an acre of permanently reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Conway View Subdivision in Section 19, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County;

W. Henry Thomas with offer of \$300.00 an acre for .085 of an acre of reclaimed lake bottom land, lakeward of Lot 32, Waterwitch Club, in Section 13, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, Orange County.

Mr. Wells presented request from Pelican Bay Co-Op for clarification of Leases Nos. 715, 716 and 717, covering certain lands in Palm Beach County reclaimed by the Trustees for use of the Co-Op. It was explained that leases were granted for a period of ten years, but owing to the reclamation work necessary to be done, lessees will not have ten years full use of the land; also, the reclamation and drainage works take in an additional area, not included in the present leases. It is recommended that the leases be clarified to allow ten years actual use of the land and that the additional area be included in said leases.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize ten (10) full years use of the

land for which rental payments will be made and that the additional area be added to the leases.

Mr. Wells recommended that the Trustees rescind action taken September 16, 1952, granting to the City of South Bay 8.55 acres of land in Section 11, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County. Since this action, it has developed that this parcel is included in a larger area involved in a proposed exchange with U. S. Sugar Corporation on a basis of \$300.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees rescind action of September 16th, with reference to land conveyance in favor of South Bay as recommended by the Land Agent.

Mr. Wells presented proposal from U. S. Sugar Corporation to exchange land owned by it, described as Parcel No. 1 in Section 12, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, and Parcel No. 2 in Section 7, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, comprising a total of 59.09 acres, for land owned by the Trustees described as Lot 1, State Survey, less the South 270 feet, 25.04 acres, in Section 11, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, all in Palm Beach County. Under the proposal, the land owned by the Trustees is rated at \$300.00 an acre and the land offered in exchange is at the rate of \$100.00 an acre. The acreage owned by the Sugar Corporation being considerably more than that, the difference will be in favor of the Trustees and will be paid to the State in cash. Mr. Wells recommends that the exchange be authorized.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Wells to make the exchange with U. S. Sugar Corporation as outlined.

Mr. Nahlon C. McCall made an offer of \$50.00 an acre for Lot 10, Section 2, and Lots 7, 8 and 9, Section 3, all in Township 1 North, Range 28 West, containing 60.39 acres in Santa Rosa County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids starting at \$50.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells presented request from Mr. Thad Whidden that the Trustees quitclaim or release the restriction "for public purposes only," which is contained in Deed No. 18653 dated October 9, 1941, from the Trustees to the City of Pahokee covering land in Section 13, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County. It is requested that this restriction be removed since the land is no longer used for municipal purposes and the city desires to exchange a part of the area for other land, more suitable for the city's needs, owned by John H. Trew.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees quitclaim the restriction as requested by the City of Pahokee.

W. P. Clark, on behalf of Radcliff Gravel Company, makes application for three-year extension of Lease No. 673, which is a shell lease covering certain sovereign water areas lying between the perpendicular projection of the western boundary of Franklin County to the eastern boundary of Wakulla County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize three-year extension of the lease as requested under the same terms and conditions.

Request was presented from Gaskin Brothers Lumber Company for five-year extension of Dead Head Timber Lease No. 167, which expired July 29, 1952, covering an area in Dead Lakes in Calhoun and Gulf Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of five years from July 29, 1952, under the same terms and conditions as in original lease.

Request was presented from W. H. Brundydge for two-year extension on Sand Lease No. 662, which expired August 31, 1952, covering that part of the Ochlockonee River which lies in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 2 West, Leon County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of the lease for a period of two years from August 31, 1952.

Mr. George S. Brockway of West Palm Beach, on behalf of twenty-six (26) applicants, adjacent owners, submitted an offer of \$100.00 an acre for submerged and semi-submerged land in Boca Ratones Lagoon, lying within the corporate limits of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, in Section 33, Township 46 South, Range 43 East, and Sections 4 and 9, Township 47 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was offered by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offers, subject to the land being advertised for objections as required by law.

Gulf Oil Corporation requests permission to do seismograph work in certain areas in Charlotte, Lee and Sarasota Counties, on submerged land under lease to Coastal Petroleum Company, Coastal having given

its consent for such work to be done. The War Department and the State Board of Conservation have also given consent.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant permission to Gulf Oil Company for doing seismograph work on the areas requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize payment of the following bills:

Modern Air Conditioners, Tallahassee, Fla.	
For equipment for old House and Senate	
Chambers	\$ 2,677.23
Florence P. Sauls, Tallahassee, Fla.	
For land for Capitol Center	32,900.00
Geo. G. Crawford, CCC Leon County	
Recording fee, etc.	33.35
W. K. Whitfield, W. Trammel, G. T. Whitfield, Jr.	
as Trustees for E. D'Alemberte, Richard W.	
Whitfield, and G. T. Whitfield, Jr.	
For land for Capitol Center	25,200.00
Hyman Myers and Louise Myers—Land for C.	
Center	27,690.00
Tallahassee Auto Parts Co.	6.75
E. B. Leatherman, CCC Dade County Recording	
fee	3.40
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla...	3.60
The Palm Beach Post-Times	
For advertising land sale	22.50
Clearwater Sun, Inc., For advertising	32.93
The Miami Herald—For advertising	56.00
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TOTAL.....	\$ 88,625.76

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Bay	9-15-52	23
Lake	9-8-52	7
Okaloosa	9-1-52	5
Okaloosa	9-1-52	1
Osceola	8-25-52	14
Polk	7-31-52	11
Putnam	9-6-52	3
Santa Rosa	9-1-52	1
Taylor	8-30-52	5
Volusia	8-30-52	16

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize

execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of Charlotte County Deed No. 410-Correction in favor of Jestine Burks and Leonard Burks issued in lieu of original Deed No. 410 to same grantees, dated June 30, 1952, for the purpose of correcting amount of consideration in said deed.

Resolution adopted by Pasco County Board of County Commissioners was presented to the Trustees requesting conveyance of a parcel of land containing about one-sixth (1/6) of an acre in Byrd & Butts Subdivision as per D.B. 1, Pg. 46, of Section 27, Township 23 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to convey the parcel requested, under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, upon payment of \$175.00, which is equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, with no restrictions, or upon payment of \$5.00 with the deed containing restriction for "Public Purposes Only."

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certificates covering land in Franklin County as approved by the Attorney General's office for cancellation on the ground that said certificates vest no title in the State to the land covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

RICHARD W. ERVIN
Attorney General—Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
October 7, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor

C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells reported that on August 19, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$50.00 an acre from Paschal C. Reese, for purchase of Section 9, Township 44 South, Range 39 East, being swamp and overflowed land in Palm Beach County, Florida.

The land was ordered advertised for sale on this date with a starting bid of \$50.00 an acre. The parcel was called out for bids and the only offer received was \$50.00 an acre from Mr. Reese.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept \$50.00 an acre from Mr. Reese and confirm sale in his favor.

On August 12, 1952, James and Susan Kirtley, represented by Thomas H. Horobin, offered \$1500.00 for purchase of approximately thirty (30) acres of swamp and overflowed land, known as Dixie Park Heights located in Section 22, Township 56 South, Range 38 East, Dade County, Florida. The land was ordered advertised for sale on this date with a starting bid of \$1500.00. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$5,001.00 being offered by Mr. Joseph Kelleher.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$5,001.00 from Mr. Kelleher and confirm sale in his favor.

On August 12, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from James and Susan Kirtley, represented by Thomas H. Horobin, for purchase of an area known as Greater Miami Heights in Sections 1 and 2, located in the E½ of Section 5, Township 55 South, Range 39 East, Dade County, Florida. The land was ordered advertised for sale on this date with a starting bid of \$100.00 an acre. No higher bids were received.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer and declare no sale.

On August 5, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$350.00 from Elmer Torstenson, represented by George O. Lea, for purchase of a parcel of mangrove land located in Section 15, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, containing approximately .14 of an acre in Sarasota County, Florida. The land was ordered advertised for competitive bids and objections as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on September 5, 12, 19, 26 and October 3, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. Bids were then invited, with the result that the only bid received was \$350.00 from applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept offer of \$350.00 for the parcel and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Torstenson.

On August 12, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Arnold Briggs for purchase of a parcel of submerged and semi-submerged land lying in the Halifax River, westward of the southerly 40 feet of Lot 12 and Lot 13 of Ormond Beach Estates, Township 13 South, Range 32 East, containing approximately 4 acres in Volusia County. The land was ordered advertised for competitive bids and objections as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Daytona Beach News Journal on September 5, 12, 19, 26 and October 3, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. Bids were invited with the result that the only offer received was the original bid from applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bid of \$100.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Briggs.

On August 12, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Evans Crary, on behalf of William H. Holzhauer, Herbert A. Hiers, Ralph Hiers and Glenn W. Cook, for purchase of an un-named island lying in the Indian River directly in front of Lots 1, 2 and 3 of the Subdivision of Lot 1, Miles or Hanson Grant, Section 7, Township 38 South, Range 42 East, containing an aggregate of approximately 7 acres in Martin County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Stuart News on September 4, 11, 18, 25 and October 2, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and objections were presented from the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County, in the form of a resolution, for the reason that the islands should be owned by the public and used for recreational purposes of the public, rather than by private persons. (Later telegrams were received from two of the Commissioners withdrawing their objections to the sale.) Protest was also received from Marvin H. Rowell for the reason that the islands should not be sold into private ownership.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees continue the sale pending decision as to objections.

On August 12, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Evans Crary, on behalf of L. F. Knowles, for purchase

of an un-named island in the Indian River, directly in front of Lots 19 and 20, Plat of Arabela, Section 7, Township 38 South, Range 42 East, containing approximately 1 acre in Martin County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Stuart News on September 4, 11, 18, 25 and October 2, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and objections were filed from Board of County Commissioners of Martin County on the ground that the island should be owned and used by the public for recreational purposes, rather than by private parties; also, protest filed by Marvin H. Rowell on the ground that the island should not be sold into private ownership. (Two of the County Commissioners withdrew their objections by telegram.)

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees continue the sale pending decision as to objections filed.

Only July 8, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from Louis Smitzes for a parcel of submerged land in Kraemer Bayou at Tarpon Springs, Pinellas County, Florida, lying directly north and across Bay Shore Drive of Lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 1, Sunset Hills Subdivision, in Section 11, Township 27 South, Range 15 East, and containing 0.5 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the St. Petersburg Times on September 5, 12, 19, 26 and October 3, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Smitzes at the price agreed upon, \$100.00 for the parcel.

On August 19, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Jack Frye, represented by Ronald M. Green, for purchase of the submerged land in Crystal River adjacent to and surrounding Islands Nos. 9 and 10, Section 28, Township 18 South, Range 17 East, containing approximately 13 acres, exclusive of Islands 9 and 10, Citrus County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Citrus County Chronicle on September 4, 11, 18, 25 and October 2, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Frye at the price agreed upon, \$200.00 an acre.

On August 5, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Joseph W. Walton, on behalf of Lewis Ziegler, Phillip W. Vollmer and Theodore D. Helprin, for purchase of that Mangrove Island in the Indian River lying west of Government Lots 3 and 4, Section 28, Township 33 South, Range 40 East, containing 15 acres, more or less, in Indian River County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Indian River Press Journal on September 5, 12, 19, 26 and October 3, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were presented to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Walton's clients at the price agreed upon, \$100.00 an acre.

On August 19, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Ernest Leder for purchase of submerged land in Hawk Channel adjacent to and southerly of Government Lot 2, Section 19, Township 65 South, Range 34 East, at Grassy Key, in Monroe County, said parcel being approximately 2 acres in area. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the parcel being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on September 5, 12, 19, 26 and October 3, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Leder at the price agreed upon, \$200.00 an acre.

Application was presented from Frank Johnson, on behalf of Wilfred Johnson, for three-year sand lease in an area beginning three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of a mile west of the Iron Bridge on the Old Tallahassee-Quincy Road and run three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) mile west therefrom in the Ochlockonee River, for which he offers ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard for all sand removed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize three-year sand lease in favor of Mr. Johnson at the price offered.

Mr. C. H. Bourke Floyd submitted an offer of \$100.00 an acre for approximately three (3) acres of submerged land in Franklin County known as Pelican Island in Apalachicola Bay, between C-49 and C-45, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey—St. George Sound to Apalachicola Bay.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids and objections, as required by law, starting with a bid of \$100.00 an acre.

Mr. A. B. Peterson, Jr., submitted an offer of \$100.00 for Lot 2, Section 25, Township 19 South, Range 32 East, containing 3.96 acres, more or less, of marginal land on the St. Johns River, Volusia County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to advertise the parcel for competitive bids, provided applicant will agree to bid not less than \$150.00 for the parcel.

Mr. Gene M. Speer submitted an offer of \$500.00 for Lots 3, 9 and 10, Section 4, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, containing 13.08 acres of swamp and overflowed land in Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids starting at \$500.00 for the area.

Application was presented from Fred H. Center, represented by W. A. Parrish, with offer of \$200.00 an acre for purchase of 1.2 acres, more or less, of submerged land lying North and East of Section 8, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, between Hog Key and Key Vaca, Monroe County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. Anderson Bouchelle, on behalf of five (5) clients, submitted an offer of \$200.00 an acre for 10.7 acres of submerged land in Section 35, Township 14 South, Range 32 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted,

that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Bouchelle's clients, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. Walter Callahan submitted an offer of \$100.00 an acre for lake bottom land described as the south one (1) acre of the south five (5) acres of the N½ of Government Lot 8, Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Lake Osborn, in Palm Beach County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for perpetual easement on the south side of State Road No. 78, near the City of Okeechobee, to be used for Way-Side Park. The parcel is reclaimed lake bottom, with dimensions along the road of approximately 316 feet by 146 feet, in Section 4, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department covering the area requested.

Two (2) applications were presented from Claude A. Gandolfo and Howard E. Wilson for quitclaim deeds releasing the oil and mineral reservation on two one-acre tracts of land in Monroe County, purchased by them under Contracts 19760 and 19968; also application for perpetual easement covering the causeway which they constructed 125 feet from Roosevelt Boulevard out to the filled in land purchased under Contract No. 19968.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize two quitclaim deeds for releasing oil and mineral reservations as provided by Chapter 26849 of 1951; also that perpetual easement be granted for the causeway from Roosevelt Boulevard out to the land purchased from the State.

Mr. Wells stated that this date was fixed for further discussion of objections filed to the sale of submerged land adjacent to Bird Key, previously applied for by Doyle E. Carlton, on behalf of Bird Key Corporation. The City of Sarasota protested the sale.

Mr. Carlton, on behalf of his client, and Mr. John F. Burkett, Jr., on behalf of the City of Sarasota, were present.

Mr. Wells explained that sale of the land in question was considered March 6, 1951, and action deferred pending outcome of the objections. Ownership of the submerged areas was claimed by the City of Sarasota and litigation on that question resulted in an opinion by the Supreme Court that the City of Sarasota, under legislative act, has no title to the land or submerged areas described in the advertisement. (See minutes of March 6, 1951 for description.)

Mr. Carlton stated that for the past year and one-half his clients have been trying to close out this sale; that application was made to the Trustees for purchase of the mud flats and fill material adjacent to Bird Key, owned by his clients, and that Mr. Burkett, for the City of Sarasota, asked for the hearing today.

Mr. Burkett stated that he admitted that the matter has been delayed but that negotiations have been going on between the two parties, and also that litigation has been in progress part of that time. Aerial photograph of Sarasota Bay was displayed indicating the 280 acre tract applied for by the Bird Key Corporation, which Mr. Burkett stated represents approximately one-fourth of Sarasota Bay south of the Causeway; that the city asked that the acreage be reduced and the last plan submitted by Bird Key Corporation calls for 160 acres and at a recent meeting of the City Commission this plan for the development was approved and it was stated that final approval would be given as soon as an agreement could be entered into between Bird Key Corporation and the city covering the over-all picture; that he would like to see the Trustees take action based on the plan submitted for Ringling Isles Development, with the area reduced to 160 acres, which the city approved this month. The city still objects to the sale of the 280 acres.

Mr. Carlton stated that objection to the sale was raised on the ground that the city owned the property; that he considered the Act unconstitutional and so stated to the Trustees at the meeting in March 1951. The State Supreme Court has so held and the matter is settled. The lands belong to the State and the city has no interest in them. In an effort to reach an amicable adjustment of the objections, his client has negotiated with the city authorities and at its request submitted an over-all plan for development of the area; that the plan was submitted to an engineer employed by the city who reported in November 1951 substantially as follows:

"The proposed work will not adversely affect currents or shore lines in the Bay, Passes or Gulf. The proposed fills will not interfere with navigation. Dredging will improve navigation. The filling of mangrove areas will be beneficial, as it will reduce mosquito and sand flea breeding. There is more than an adequate amount of material available in Sarasota Bay for the proposed work, future causeway and reasonable future beach preservation purposes."

Mr. Carlton also stated that the City Planning Board was asked to examine the plans and made a report dated November 16, 1951, and the following is taken from said report:

"Report to the City Commission that the Planning Board has made a study of the proposed plan, has considered it in the light of currents, erosion, land use, zoning, aesthetics, and public interest, and has found it to be in the best interest of the city, and has approved the plan as a part of the master land use plan, and recommends that the City Commission confirm it as part of the city master land use plan."

The Trustees were requested to approve the sale in favor of Bird Key Corporation, according to the plan as approved by the engineer and City Planning Board, and with reduced acreage.

Mr. Wells recommended that the applicants be charged for the land actually to be used, to be determined by survey and checking of the acreage.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve sale of the land heretofore applied for by Bird Key Corporation, the boundaries of the land to be drawn in accordance with map filed with the Trustees, designated "RINGLING ISLES Showing Development of Submerged Lands—Ralph & William Zimmerman, Architects—Sarasota, Florida, dated September 6, 1951", and that purchaser pay only for the land actually required within the boundaries outlined, being approximately one hundred sixty (160) acres.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the National Audubon Society that the Trustees authorize ten-year (10) lease on a small submerged and semi-submerged area in Monroe County, known as the Cowpens. The Audubon Society desires use of this area as one of the points of interest on their boat tours for showing the ibis, egrets and herons.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize ten (10) year lease in favor of National Audubon Society of New York on that area known as the Cowpens, comprising an area on the southeasterly side of Florida Intracoastal Waterway for a distance northeasterly and southwesterly of approximately 800 yards by a width northwesterly and southeasterly of 400 yards measured at right angles from said waterway, consideration to be one dollar (\$1.00) annually.

Mr. Elliot called attention to action taken by the Trustees September 16, 1952, in reference to award suggested by the United States Engineer Office for state land in the Chassahowitzka area of Citrus County. The amount suggested is \$13,700.35 for 16.887 acres of submerged and upland property. Disposition of the subject was held in abeyance pending conference with the County Commissioners of Citrus County as to their view of the land values. It is now recommended that the Trustees notify the Federal Government that the suggested awards are declined and information will be furnished at a later date as to what the Trustees consider a fair price for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the suggestion of Mr. Elliot be adopted as the action of the Trustees and that the Land Office so notify the U. S. Engineer Office.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted,

that the Trustees approve payment to Simmons and Weeks, Engineers, for work done on Project No. 1, Palm Beach County land under lease to Pelican Bay Co-Op., and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrant in the following amount:

Simmons & Weeks, Inc., Pahokee, Fla.

Amount of Contract, Proj. No. 1 . . .	\$ 64,750.00
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10% retained	\$ 6,475.00
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previous payments	47,915.00
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Amount due	\$ 10,360.00
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Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following bills be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Jack Culpepper, Tallahassee, Fla.

Payment No. 4, Elevator Shaft Construction . . .	\$ 2,033.50
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Westinghouse Elec. Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Equipment for Air Conditioning	462.76
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Modern Air Conditioners, Tallahassee, Fla.

Equipment for renovation of Old House and	
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Senate Chambers	4,365.58
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Willie J. Sauls, Tallahassee, Fla.

Lot 44 in Original Plan of City of Tallahassee . . .	29,100.00
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A. R. Williams, Tallahassee, Fla.

Expenses incurred as Assistant Engineer	32.65
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W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla.

Expenses incurred with mortgage foreclosures .	50.25
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J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.

50.00

Standard Oil Co., Jacksonville, Fla.

8.37

Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla. . .

2.35

News-Press Publishing Co., Ft. Myers, Fla.

For legal advertisement	11.25
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The Palm Beach Post-Times, West Palm Beach,

Fla.—For advertising land sale	18.75
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Hardy Abstract Co., Bradenton, Fla.

For abstract of land in Sec. 3-36-16E	17.00
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Hunt, Salley & Roman, Miami, Fla.

Expenses, Trustees v. Claughton	12.36
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The Commercial Office Supply Co., Tallahassee,

Fla.	1.50
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Dell Hart Typewriter Co., Tallahassee, Fla.

3.00

TOTAL	\$ 36,169.32
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SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of land under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Jackson	9-29-52	1
Sarasota	7-28-52	48

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize issuance of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for the purpose of releasing state road right of way reserved in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department:

Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 958 to Hazel Cleare
 Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 2661 to Richard Turnipseed & wife
 Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 2974-EDDJ to Ida Mae Brown
 Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1473 to Raymond P. Waller
 & Pauline Waller
 Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 1955 to G. H. Risley & wife
 Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 08-Ch. 21684 to Fenwick
 G. Burley
 Lee County Q.C. Deed No. 160 to James Stereff & Ella Stereff
 Lee County Q.C. Deed No. 248 to Charles H. Nelson & wife
 Orange County Q.C. Deed No. 1190 to Gustave W. Christoph
 Palm Beach County Q.C. Deed No. 1475 to Margie T. Edwards
 Pinellas County Q.C. Deed No. 2979 to M. Hubbard and wife

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted that the Trustees authorize issuance of Osceola County Deed No. 1076-Cor. in favor of G. T. Singeltary, to correct amount of consideration in original deed dated February 4, 1948 to the same grantee.

Letter was presented from Attorney General Richard Ervin with reference to suit to quiet title—L. C. Fisher, Sr., vs. John Hunt, et al—involving Murphy Act certificates covering Lots 1 and 2, Section 13 or 14, Township 1 South, Range 28 West, Santa Rosa County. It was suggested that the Trustees either intervene in the suit, or authorize cancellation of the certificate owing to erroneous description.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize disclaimer of interest in the certificate for the reason stated.

No action was taken on leasing reserved interest in Santa Rosa County land, applied for by Mr. Woodrow Melvin on behalf of his client, E. D. Scruggs, as no bid was received.

Request was presented from H. L. Custead for reduction in base bid for advertising approximately 30 acres of land in Sections 4 and 21, Township 4 South, Range 25 East, Clay County. Applicant offers \$300.00 for 160 lots in those sections.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to have the lots advertised with base bid of \$5.00 per lot, making a total of \$800.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in Murphy Act certificates covering land in Alachua and Franklin Counties as approved for cancellation by the Attorney General's Office.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

FULLER WARREN
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Engineer and Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

October 14, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this day in the Board Room, offices of the Governor.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor-Chairman
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Pursuant to recommendation by Mr. Wells, motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously adopted, accepting offer of O. P. Johnston, on behalf of Leo C. Godwin and Herdie Godwin, his wife, of \$1100.00 for 23 acres of land located in Section 36, Township 25 South, Range 30 East, Osceola County. (No advertisement.)

Mr. Wells having made favorable recommendation therefor, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and unanimously adopted, accepting offer of Mr. W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Mr. Lee Shields, of \$200.00 per acre for 3.2 acres of bay bottom land adjacent to his upland property in Block 1, Parrish Subdivision, Section 9,

Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County—to be advertised for objections only.

Pursuant to favorable recommendation by Mr. Wells, motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously adopted, accepting offer of Mr. J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of Mr. M. A. Wilson, of \$100.00 per acre for 2.58 acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland property, in Section 5, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, Volusia County—to be advertised for objections only.

Mr. Wells submitted request of Mr. E. Winsor Reed, on behalf of the Phillip J. Carroll Africa Expeditions, Inc., to lease or buy a spoils island between the Bakers Haulover Cut and Cape Florida for the purpose of keeping anthropoids until they are carried to different laboratories to be used in research work. Mr. Wells suggested that the Africa Expeditions be advised, that if an island can be located, and the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County do not object to its use as proposed, the Trustees will lease such island under conditions to be decided upon by them.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and unanimously adopted, that Mr. Wells be authorized to proceed with the matter as outlined in his suggestion.

Pursuant to recommendation by Mr. Wells, motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously adopted, authorizing refund to the City of South Bay of \$10.00 paid by said City for a parcel of land to which title failed, located in Section 11, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County.

At meeting of October 7 the Trustees continued sale, pending as to objections filed, of an un-named island in Indian River, directly in front of Lots 19 and 20, Plat of Arabela, in Section 7, Township 38 South, Range 42 East, containing an aggregate of approximately 1 acre, in Martin County, Florida; also an un-named island lying in the Indian River directly in front of Lots 1, 2 and 3 of the subdivision of Lot 1, Miles or Hanson Grant, in Section 7, Township 38 South, Range 42 East, area approximately 7 acres, in Martin County. Objections to the sales had been filed by Board of County Commissioners of Martin County.

Mr. Wells stated a resolution from the County Commissioners of Martin County had been received withdrawing their objections provided the conveyances by the State contain a provision to the effect that such islands can only be conveyed with the uplands on Sewalls Point, or a portion of such uplands. He recommended that the sale be consummated and that the provision requested by Martin County Board of Commissioners be included in the deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and unani-

mously adopted, that the un-named islands be sold to L. F. Knowles and to William H. Holzhauer, Herbert A. Hiers, Ralph Hiers and Glenn W. Cook, respectively, as requested under date of August 12, 1952, by their attorney, Mr. Evans Crary, with the provision incorporated in the deed—as requested by Board of County Commissioners of Martin County.

Mr. Wells excused—F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary, present.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of land under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Franklin	8-25-52	1
Nassau	9-29-52	2
Nassau	10-6-52	2
Taylor	8-16-52	3
Union	9-3-52	1

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and unanimously adopted, approving bids as reported and authorizing issuance of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest filed under the rules.

Mr. Elliot reported on matter of Putnam County Bidding Report No. 142, dated 9-6-52. He stated that the Trustees had approved the bids and ordered deeds drawn and executed. Among the lands included in the sale were certain lots in the City of Palatka sold to John W. Booth. After approval and acceptance by Trustees of the bids and authorization to execute and deliver deeds, the deeds were prepared and ready for execution when Mr. James H. Millican, Jr., on behalf of the Board of Public Instruction of Putnam County, requested that delivery of deeds be withheld pending an application of the Board of Public Instruction to acquire title to the lots authorized to be sold to Mr. Booth, and with his request Mr. Millican transmitted a check in the amount of \$215.00, of which the amount to the Trustees would be \$195.00. Mr. Booth's bids amounted to \$170.00. The delivery of deeds has been withheld pending action of the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot further stated that previously, in pursuance of opinion from a former Attorney General, and a later opinion of the present Attorney General, the Trustees have held in similar cases that the transaction having been completed, it should not be re-opened; that governmental agencies had no priority under the Statutes governing the sale.

Upon being asked for his recommendation, Mr. Elliot said it appeared to him that based on previous action of the Trustees, the sale be considered as closed and that it be not re-opened, but that sale be confirmed in Mr. Booth. There was one instance where the successful

bidder and a governmental agency had agreed upon a division of lands in question, and the matter settled satisfactorily to both parties—which might be done in this case.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and unanimously adopted, postponing action on the entire matter, and that Mr. Millican and Mr. Booth be requested to get together and see if an agreement cannot be reached as to the sale; if not, that they be accorded a hearing.

No further business being presented, meeting adjourned.

FULLER WARREN

Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Engineer and Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

October 21, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells presented for consideration several land sales advertised to be held on this date.

On September 2, 1952, the Trustees considered an offer of \$250.00 an acre from L. F. Fernald, represented by J. Velma Keen, for purchase of an island in the Anclote River, comprising 0.32 of an acre in Section 33, Township 26 South, Range 15 East, Pasco County, Florida. The land was ordered advertised for competitive bids and objections. Notice of the sale was published in the Dade City Banner on September 19, 26, October 3, 10 and 17, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. Bids were invited with the result that the only offer received was \$250.00 an acre from Mr. Fernald.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Fernald and confirm sale in his favor.

On September 2, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from R. O. Jones for purchase of Lot 9, Section 20, Township 18 South, Range 17 East, containing 0.04 of an acre of submerged land in Citrus County. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in The Chronicle, Inverness, Florida, on September 18, 25, October 2, 9 and 16, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Jones at the price offered—\$100.00 for the parcel.

On September 2, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Ronald M. Green for purchase of 5.57 acres of marginal land in Section 28, Township 18 South, Range 17 East, Citrus County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Inverness Chronicle on September 18, 25, October 2, 9 and 16, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Green at the price agreed upon—\$200.00 an acre.

On September 2, 1952, the Trustees considered application from the City of Madeira Beach, Florida, represented by Laurence D. Childs, for purchase of 2.4 acres of submerged land in Section 9, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the St. Petersburg Times on September 19, 26, October 3, 10 and 17, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of City of Madeira Beach, Florida, without cost, the deed to carry the provision that the land shall be used for public purposes only.

On September 2, 1952, the Trustees considered application from

the City of Clearwater, represented by Leo M. Butler, for conveyance of 0.92 of an acre of submerged land in Clearwater Harbor, Section 16, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to convey the land without consideration for public purposes, after advertising for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the St. Petersburg Times on September 19, 26, October 3, 10 and 17, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of the City of Clearwater, Florida, without consideration, the deed to contain clause that the land be used for public purposes only.

On September 2, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from A. Waller Smith, represented by Leo M. Butler, for a parcel of submerged land in Clearwater Harbor, lying to the west of the west end of Pierce Street, in the City of Clearwater, as vacated by said city, located in Section 16, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, containing approximately 2 acres in Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the St. Petersburg Times on September 19, 26, October 3, 10 and 17, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Smith at the price agreed upon—\$200.00 an acre.

On September 2, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$43.00 from William L. Conrad for purchase of submerged and semi-submerged land in Indian River, northeasterly of Lots 1 and 2, Block 15 of Totem Park Subdivision, lying and being in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, containing approximately 0.5 of an acre, in Volusia County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on September 19, 26, October 3, 10 and 17, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted,

that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Conrad at the price agreed upon—\$43.00 for the parcel.

On September 2, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from O. B. Ebersold, represented by Anderson C. Bouchelle, for purchase of the filled submerged and semi-submerged land lying easterly from the north 100 feet of Lot 2, and the south 159 feet of Lot 1, Lowd's Subdivision of U. S. Lot 2, Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, containing 3.04 acres, more or less, in Volusia County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on September 19, 26, October 3, 10 and 17, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Ebersold at the price agreed upon—\$100.00 an acre.

On September 2, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Jesse B. Bookhardt for parcel of submerged and semi-submerged lands lying in Indian River, northeasterly of Lots 10, 11, 12 and 13, Block D, Turgot Terrace Subdivision of Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, containing 1 acre, more or less, in Volusia County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on September 19, 26, October 3, 10 and 17, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Bookhardt at the price agreed upon—\$100.00 an acre.

On September 2, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Louis Ossinsky, Sr., for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Halifax River adjacent to and west of the south 300 feet of the north 1170 feet of Government Lot 3, Section 3, Township 14 South, Range 32 East, containing 1.4 acres, more or less, in Volusia County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Notice of the sale was published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal

on September 19, 26, October 3, 10 and 17, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Ossinsky at the price agreed upon—\$200.00 an acre.

Mr. John F. Burket, Jr., on behalf of his client, Inez V. Henson, submitted an offer of \$250.00 an acre for 1.62 acres of submerged land in Section 26, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, said land being adjacent to upland property of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Inez V. Henson, subject to the land being advertised for objections as required by law.

Charles F. Stewart made an offer of \$50.00 an acre for W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 1, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, containing 12 acres in Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting at \$50.00 an acre.

Mrs. Eva P. Rowley made an offer of \$150.00 an acre for 1.4 acres of submerged land adjacent to her property in Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, based on offer of \$150.00 an acre offered by Mrs. Rowley.

Mr. John D. Fulford of St. Petersburg, Florida, made an offer of \$200.00 an acre for purchase of 86.88 acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 10, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. Wells called attention to offer from the United States of \$13,700.35 for 16,887 acres of state owned land in the Chassahowitzka area, Citrus County, which offer is far below the value of the land.

Condemnation proceedings have been filed by the Federal Government to take over this area.

Attorney General Ervin made the motion that Mr. Wells go down to Citrus County and testify in this suit as to the value of the land and secure other witnesses to testify in order that a fair value of the land be placed before the court. Motion was seconded by Mr. Gay and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that Projects 1 and 2, covering drainage and reclamation work, installation of machinery and equipment, have been completed and he recommends that the Trustees insure the pumping facilities for each project with the State Fire Insurance Fund. The cost of pumping facilities for Project No. 1 amounts to \$64,750.00, and for Project No. 2 amounts to \$22,539.00.

Mr. Elliot also suggested, in connection with Projects 1 and 2, that there be stipulated in the contract or lease with Pelican Bay Co-Op, that an experienced operator be employed by the Co-Op, to be on the job at all times when the machinery is in operation; that the Trustees have valuable machinery and equipment and in order to protect their investment provision should be made that the Co-Op have a trained man in charge of the machinery.

Attorney General Ervin asked that action on these two points be passed and Mr. Wells was requested to bring the lease, issued in favor of Pelican Bay Co-Op, to the next meeting for examination and discussion. It was so ordered.

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to instructions from the Trustees, he has prepared proposed lease covering 5766 acres, part owned by the Trustees and part by the State Board of Education comprising proposed reclamation Project No. 3, and estimates of cost of construction of the reclamation works. Lease of the project land was applied for by Mr. J. Ray Arnold. The proposed lease form was approved by Mr. Burns of the Attorney General's office.

There has also been prepared a resolution to be adopted jointly by the Trustees and the State Board of Education covering certain arrangements necessary to be executed between the Trustees and the Board relating to Project No. 3 and the lease of the lands comprising the same. Such a resolution should be adopted by the Trustees and the State Board of Education prior to the execution of a lease.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the matter be postponed until after the first of the year.

Mr. Wells was requested to notify Mr. Arnold of the action taken by the Trustees re lease Palm Beach County land.

Financial Statements for the month of September are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of September 1, 1952		\$399,655.78
Receipts for the Month:		
Land Sales	\$ 43,106.93	
Land Sales—Ch. 14572—Sarasota Co.	100.00	
Interest on Contracts	115.00	
Tax Refunds	568.07	
Quitclaim Deeds	30.00	
Interest Coupons—F.S.I.C.	14,425.00	
Interest Coupons—U. S. Treas. Bonds	5,000.00	
Refund of Advertising Cost	22.50	
Sale of 400 Cubic Yards of Fill		
Material	20.00	
10-year Land Lease	19.00	
Farm Leases	3,840.00	
Mineral Leases	292.58	
Sand & Shell Leases	3,404.29	
Oil & Gas Leases	6,946.26	
Timber Leases	109.60	
Miscellaneous Lease	275.00	
Grazing Leases	97.68	
Total Receipts for the Month	78,371.91	78,371.91
GRAND TOTAL		478,027.69
Less Disbursements for the Month		246,220.76
BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1952		231,806.93

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1952

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
9-3-52	49355	Clewiston Motor Co.	\$ 2,980.00
	49356	Spanish Trail Transport, Inc. ..	3.95
	49357	Westinghouse Elec. Corp.	570.16
9-4-52	51099	F. C. Elliot	11.25
9-8-52	53685	Bryce Elevator Co.	11,748.87
	53686	Jack Culpepper	3,589.65
9-11-52	57371	Southeastern Telephone Co.	36.50
	57372	Western Union Telegraph Co. ..	8.33
	57373	Standard Oil Co.	37.43
	57374	Lloyd Hendry	25.00
	57375	Scott Register	25.00
	57376	Amos Hall, Sheriff	12.70
	57377	L. R. Holton, Sheriff	11.10
	57378	Hunt, Salley & Roman	14.55
	57379	Jack Frye	4.60
9-8-52	53684	W. R. Culbreath	30.45
9-9-52	53998	S. T. Trans. to State School Fund	15,783.16
	53999	S. T. Trans. to State Board Conservation	2,227.78
	55133	Julia W. Mays, et al	27,334.00

	55134	Louise Shuford	14,017.50
	55135	Canal Timber Corp.	45,237.00
	55136	Mrs. W. P. Kelly	150.00
	56146	John T. Pickett	1,512.00
9-16-52	62512	John T. Pickett	461.33
	62513	Simmons & Weeks	2,411.25
9-17-52	64293	Deeb Builders, Inc.	19,130.34
9-22-52	67003	Modern Air Conditioners	7,109.46
9-30-52	64804	F. C. Elliot	622.25
	64805	Arthur R. Williams	384.35
	64806	A. C. Bridges	311.26
	64807	J. B. Linn	266.50
	64808	M. O. Barco	218.03
	64809	Jentye Dedge	308.66
	64810	Bonnie G. Shelfer	189.55
	64811	Sinclair Wells	166.25
	64812	C. M. Greene	47.50
	64813	Ruth N. Landers	23.75
	64814	Blue Cross of Florida	24.40
	64815	Southern States Life Ins. Co.	17.55
	64816	5% Retirement Fund	137.49
	64817	Withholding Tax	394.10
9-23-52	68985	Geo. G. Crawford, CCC	33.35
	68986	Florence P. Sauls	32,900.00
9-25-52	70818	Tallahassee Auto Parts Co.	6.75
	70819	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	3.40
	70820	Capital Office Equipment Co.	3.60
	70821	Palm Beach Post-Times	22.50
	70822	Clearwater Sun, Inc.	32.93
	70823	The Miami Herald	56.00
9-30-52	73791	Modern Air Conditioners	2,677.23
	75675	W. K. Whitfield, et al	25,200.00
	75676	Hyman Myers & Louise Myers	27,690.00

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH
OF SEPTEMBER, 1952 \$246,220.76**

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

Sept. 12, 1952	\$ 8,529.50
Sept. 17, 1952	3,230.30

**TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH
OF SEPTEMBER, 1952 \$ 11,759.80**

Disbursements from General Revenue:

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
9-11-52	56469	Southeastern Telephone Co.	\$ 30.50
	56470	Wyatts Business Machines	12.50
	56471	Railway Express Service	1.71

	56842	N. C. Smyth	17.00
9-30-52	58212	Ernest Hewitt	315.33
	58213	Mary Clare Pichard	220.06
	58214	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	7.75
	58215	5% Retirement Fund	18.58
	58216	Withholding Tax	56.60

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH
OF SEPTEMBER, 1952 680.03

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Baker	9-29-52	1
Hernando	10-14-52	1
Holmes	9-18-52	3
Lake	10-13-52	26
Manatee	8-28-52	8
Marion	10-6-52	1
Pasco	10-6-52	5
Sarasota	7-16-52	4
Sumter	10-6-52	7
Taylor	9-27-52	1
Walton	11-26-51	1

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorized execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for right of way and drainage ditch easement through land in Calhoun County, desired for use in connection with State Road No. 275—Section 4708—SRD 138.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement for right of way and drainage ditch area through land in Sections 4, 9, 28 and 33, Township 1 North, Range 9 West, Calhoun County, designated as a parcel lying within 50 feet of the survey line of State Road 275—Section 4708-101, SRD 138, and a parcel lying within 15 feet each side of a ditch centerline.

Mr. Elliot requested consideration of Baker County Report No. 98, sale of September 29, 1952, listing bid by Knabb Turpentine Company of \$7,050.00 for 2507 lots, or 200 acres, in Lincoln Park Sub-division in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 3 South, Range 20 East. Through oversight the

Clerk of the Circuit Court allowed advertisement of the lots with base bid under the old rule of \$1.00 per lot instead of \$5.00 per lot, the bid now required. While the highest bid, \$7,050.00, is less than the required bid, it is slightly higher than \$35.00 an acre and a good price for the land. It is recommended that the Trustees waive the rules and accept the bid reported.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees waive the rules and accept bid of \$7,050.00 from Knabb Turpentine Company as listed on Report No. 98, sale of September 29, 1952.

Duval County Report No. 124, sale of July 9, 1952, was presented to the Trustees with request for consideration of bids of \$1.00 per acre from St. Joe Paper Company and from Olen Rollins. It was recommended that the bids be declined and counter proposal made to accept \$15.00 per acre for the 50 acres desired by St. Joe Paper Company and \$5.00 an acre for the parcel comprising 160 acres bid in by Olen Rollins.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees decline the bids submitted and make counter proposal to accept \$15.00 an acre and \$5.00 an acre as recommended by Mr. Elliot.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

FULLER WARREN
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

October 28, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented copies of minutes of the Trustees dated September 30, October 7 and 14, 1952, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

October 28, 1952

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented application from Humble Oil & Refining Company for an oil and gas lease on Lots 3 and 4, Section 2, Township 46 South, Range 26 East, comprising 80.28 acres in Lee County, for which they make an offer of \$1.00 per acre annual rental.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for lease, subject to competitive sealed bids, the Trustees to require royalty payments of one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) in kind or in value and the amount of \$1.00 per acre annual rental increasing five per cent (5%) of such original amount annually after the first two years; lease to be for a primary term of ten (10) years, and bidding shall be on the cash consideration for said lease.

Mr. J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of Henry F. Jaske, submitted an offer of \$100.00 an acre for 0.82 of an acre, more or less of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Jaske, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. W. A. Riffle submitted an offer of \$100.00 for approximately one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) acre of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Lots 1 and 2, Section 30, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Riffle subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. William E. King, on behalf of James J. Gilbert and wife, offers \$250.00 an acre for 0.33 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Gilbert subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. Wells presented application from E. J. Miller and E. L. Prevatt with offer of \$10.00 per acre annually for ten-year farm lease on 59

acres of land in unsurveyed Section 12, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, and unsurveyed Section 7, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County.

The land applied for is involved in exchange with U. S. Sugar Company, approved by the Trustees September 30, 1952, but not yet consummated. Mr. Wells recommends that lease to applicants be authorized as soon as proposed exchange is completed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize ten-year lease in favor of Messrs. Miller and Prevatt at the price offered as soon as exchange with U. S. Sugar Company is completed.

Pursuant to action taken at the last meeting of the Trustees, Mr. Wells submitted lease executed in favor of Pelican Bay Co-Op, covering approximately 5866 acres of state owned land in Palm Beach County. The lease provides that lessee shall maintain and keep in good condition all equipment, canals, dikes and will not suffer any damage to the works placed on the land by the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot again called attention to the large investment the Trustees have on this land and that a trained and competent man should be employed at the expense of the lessee to be on the job at all times when the machinery is in use.

No action taken, pending Mr. Wells taking up with the Co-Op the question of providing such services.

Mr. Elliot reported as information that work has been completed on Apopka-Beauclair Canal water control and that the structure is now safe against failure. All bills for the work have not been received as yet, but it is estimated that the total cost will be far below what was first suggested; that the County Commissioners of Lake County were very cooperative and rendered valuable service in carrying out the work around the lake.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for grant of an area of submerged land in St. Lucie and Indian Rivers desired in connection with construction of the bridge and approaches for a new section of State Road No. A-1-A, connecting the Town of Stuart with the Atlantic Ocean on Hutchinsons Island.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant request and authorize conveyance to the State Road Department of the land desired, designated as follows:

Parcel of submerged land in St. Lucie River in Sections 1 and 2, Township 38 South, Range 41 East, lying within five

hundred (500) feet each side of survey line of State Road A-1-A, Section 8904—SRD 19;

Parcel of submerged land in Indian River in Section 1, Township 38 South, Range 41 East; in Section 6, Township 38 South, Range 42 East; in Section 36, Township 37 South, Range 41 East, and Section 31, Township 37 South, Range 42 East, lying within 2000 feet each side of the survey line of State Road A-1-A,

All in Martin County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize payment during November of taxes on land held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund located in the various drainage, sub-drainage and flood control districts, in order to take advantage of the four per cent (4%) discount allowed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	\$ 775.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	475.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	406.66
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant	290.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	306.66
Jentye Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	361.66
Bonnie G. Sheller, Clerk-Stenographer	246.66
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	175.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	25.00
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To Prin. State School Fund	13,200.94
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State Board of Conservation	2,316.00
J. O. Carlile, Tallahassee, Fla. For work on Capitol Building	10,805.40
Deeb Builders Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. For work on north wing of Capitol	22,885.05
Bigby Electric Co., Tampa, Fla. For transformer vault, Capitol	3,612.00
Graybar Electric Co., Inc., Jacksonville, Fla. For elevator equipment, north wing	268.50
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla. ..	36.90
Berlin A. Sawyer, Sheriff Monroe County Fees for serving notices re mortgage foreclosures	5.60
Earl R. Adams, CCC Monroe County Costs in Chancery, mortgage foreclosure	12.50
Remington Rand, Inc.—For calculator	472.50

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. .	5.40
Modern Air Conditioners, Tallahassee, Fla.	
Equipment for Old House and Senate Rooms ..	1,782.09
City of South Bay, South Bay, Fla.	
Refund for land—title failed	10.00
B. & F. Farms Co., Princeton, Fla.	
Refund—over-payment of interest on contract.	52.37
The Geo. D. Barnard Co., St. Louis, Mo.	
Binders for Land Office	411.06
A. R. Cogswell, Jacksonville, Fla.	
Engineering supplies	27.00
Remington-Rand Inc.—For paper	3.57
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.—Quitclaim forms.	29.90
J. B. Henderson, Sheriff Dade County	
Fees for serving notices re foreclosures	22.10
E. B. Leatherman, CCC Dade County	
Recording fee	3.40
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla.	
Expenses in foreclosing mortgages	22.92
Sinclair Wells, Tallahassee, Fla.	
Expenses as Land Agent	112.65
A. R. Williams, Ass't Engineer	
Expenses on trip to Lake Apopka	48.33
Tallahassee Auto Parts Co.	15.04
Remington Rand Inc.	37.50
John F. Kirk, Sheriff Palm Beach County	6.40
Clearwater Sun, Inc., Clearwater, Fla.	19.50
Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	95.00
Deeb Builders Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	
For duct installation work	39,984.43
Leon Plumbing & Heating Co., Tallahassee	3,235.85
Florida State Improvement Commission	
Salaries & supplies, work on capitol	9,651.89
Simmons & Weeks, Inc., Belle Glade, Fla.	
Retainage released, Project No. 1	6,475.00
Prewitt & Nall, Clewiston, Fla.	
Engineering fee, Project No. 1	3,108.00
Irene C. Baker Anderson, Tallahassee, Fla.	
For lot for Capitol Center purposes	5,250.00
Celia Payne, Tallahassee, Fla.	
For lot for Capitol Center purposes	5,250.00
TOTAL.....	\$132,386.43

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Alachua	5-28-52	4
Charlotte	7-21-52	4

Citrus	7-14-52	1
Citrus	9-1-52	4
Citrus	10-6-52	3
Leon	9-2-52	5
St. Johns	6-12-52	8

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest filed under the rules.

Request was presented for correction in Okaloosa County Deed No. 477 issued in favor of G. C. Young, for the purpose of correcting initials of grantee.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request and execute Okaloosa County Deed No. 477-Cor. in favor of D. C. Young, upon payment of \$5.00.

Application was presented from Humble Oil & Refining Company for oil, gas and mineral lease covering the reserved interest held by the state in Lee County land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the state's interest in the following described parcels:

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 45 South, Range 25 East, 10 acres—Deed No. 628;

Lots 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, 38 and 39, Seminole Gardens S/D—Township 46 South, Range 24 East, 70 acres—Deeds 759 and 774;

Blocks A, B, C, D, E, G, H, I and J, Owens First Addition to Kinzer Park, Section 5, Township 46 South, Range 25 East, 37 acres—Deed 655;

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, less RR R/W and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 7, Township 46 South, Range 25 East, 57 acres—Deed 587;

based on application from Humble Oil & Refining Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from the State Road Department and execute right of way easement through Alachua County land, described as being that part of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, Township 11 South, Range 19 East, lying within 50 feet westerly of the survey line of State Road S-331-Section 2654.

Application was presented from Citrus Advertising Company for

lease on a parcel of land in Lake County on which to erect a sign 25 feet long by 15 feet high for Silver Springs, with offer of \$12.50 for one-year lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$12.50 and authorize one-year lease on Lots 1 and 2, less N. 42 feet for State Road, Summit Subdivision of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, Lake County; lease to contain cancellation clause upon thirty (30) days notice being given lessee, but with no refund of any unused portion of rental paid.

Request was presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Osceola County that the Trustees reconsider action heretofore taken fixing a price of \$400.00 for land covered by Certificate 50 of 1933, listed on Report No. 125—sale of March 17, 1952—the applicant, Minor McLaughlin, having declined to pay that amount for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees rescind former action and agree to accept \$380.00 for the 38 acres listed on Report No. 125, without further advertisement and new sale.

Mr. Elliot presented protests from J. J. Cunningham, et al, John L. Graham and Senator E. W. Gautier, to the sale of the following described land listed on Volusia County Report No. 203, sale of October 6, 1952, bid in by Edwin Dickinson and wife:

Riparian Rights to Block 1, except in front of North 35.3 ft., on E. end of Lot 5, to point at SW corner, and Part Lots 6 and 7 South of line from point 18 feet South of NW corner Lot 6 to point 35 feet North of SE corner Lot 7, Riverside Park, New Smyrna.

Upon discussion of the subject, including opinion from the Attorney General, motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline the bid of Mr. Dickinson for the land described; that the Trustees under the Murphy Act convey the land to the Trustees under Chapter 610, thereby returning riparian rights to the status equal to riparian rights in other areas unincumbered by tax sale certificates.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain certificates covering Murphy Act land in Franklin County, the Attorney General's office having advised that no title vested in the state by virtue of said certificates.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted,

that the following salaries and bills be approved and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$ 371.66
M. C. Pichard, Secretary-Clerk	246.66
Ernest Hewitt, Tallahassee, Fla.	
Expenses checking Murphy Act land, Bay County .	27.75
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TOTAL.....	\$646.07

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller—Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
November 5, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented minutes of the Trustees dated October 21, 1952, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells reported that four sales were advertised to be considered November 4, 1952, but the regular meeting having been postponed until the 5th, confirmation of the sales was deferred until today.

On September 16, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from Roger M. Gilbert for purchase of a parcel of reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Conway in Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, adjacent to and south of the West 59.5 feet of Lot 3 of Canal Addition, containing 0.072 of an acre in Orange County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections. Notice of the sale was published in the Orlando Sentinel on October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1952, with sale to be held on November 4, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called description of the land out in the Board Room on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Gilbert at the price agreed upon—\$300.00 per acre.

On September 16, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Henry S. Baynard, on behalf of David R. Curry, Jr., and wife, for purchase of 0.99 of an acre of sovereignty land in Section 9, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the St. Petersburg Times on October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1952, with sale to be held on November 4, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out in the Board Room on the date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Baynard's clients at the price agreed upon—\$200.00 an acre.

On September 16, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Charles A. Robinson, on behalf of Smith Motors, Inc., for purchase of 1.15 acres of sovereignty land in Section 32, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the St. Petersburg Times on October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1952, with sale to be held November 4, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Smith Motors, Inc., at the price agreed upon—\$150.00 an acre.

On September 16, 1952, the Trustees considered offers of \$250.00 an acre from John F. Burkett, Jr., on behalf of L. F. Bradley, for purchase of 0.475 of an acre of sovereignty land in Section 35, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, and on behalf of L. L. Smith, for purchase of 0.492 of an acre of sovereignty land in Section 35, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, all in Sarasota County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1952, with

sale to be held November 4, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of L. F. Bradley and L. L. Smith at the price agreed upon—\$250.00 an acre.

Mr. Walter Callanan submitted an offer of \$100.00 an acre for 2.80 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Osborn Park, Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only, the parcel being adjacent to upland property of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees decline offer of \$25.00 an acre from L. D. Wade for 3200 acres of State land in Township 48 South, Range 36 East, in Township 47 South, Range 37 East, and in Township 47 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, the price offered being deemed insufficient, and also that the Trustees do not desire to sell the land applied for.

Mrs. Sarah Andary submitted an offer of \$20.00 an acre for the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 24 South, Range 30 East, containing approximately 40 acres in Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids, starting at \$20.00 an acre.

Mr. Kirby L. McClain, Jr., submitted an offer of \$200.00 an acre for 1.46 acres of submerged land lying between the right of way of the Overseas Highway and Racoon Key, Monroe County, Florida, said key being owned by applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law.

Mr. A. W. Janes and Miss Frankie Lindgren offer \$7,000.00 for 326 lots in Royal Palm Subdivision, Section 27, Township 57 South, Range 38 East, Dade County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the lots for competitive bids, starting at a price of \$7,000.00.

Mr. William A. Cobb, on behalf of Richard G. Uhl and wife, submitted an offer of \$100.00 an acre for the sovereignty land adjacent to their upland property, being Lots 25 and 26 of Lake Osborn Park, Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only as required by law.

Request was presented from Mr. Ivar Axelson that the Trustees suggest a base bid for certain State land in Township 54 South, Range 29 East, and Township 54 South, Range 30 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees decline to fix a price on the land at this time.

Charles A. Robinson, on behalf of Smith Motors, Inc., submitted an offer of \$150.00 an acre for 2.64 acres of sovereignty land adjacent to their property in Section 32, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, based on offer from applicant.

Request was presented from Mr. Clyde Middleton, on behalf of The Palatka Boat Club, for permission to remove, without charge, three thousand (3000) cubic yards of fill-dirt from the St. Johns River to fill a small site for their boat house on the river. The club is a public organization and open to the public, having a road leading to the site from U. S. No. 17 Highway.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant permission for the Palatka Boat Club to remove the fill material as requested at no cost to the Club.

Mr. Elliot presented for approval bill in amount of \$1,654.96 from Langston Construction Company of Orlando, Florida, for work done in connection with reinforcing Apopka-Beauclair Canal Water Control structure. This amount covers the entire cost of the work except whatever charge the State Road Department will make for furnishing rip-rap used on the job.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the bill of Langston Construction Company be approved for payment.

In discussing the cost of the Lake Apopka-Beauclair work, the members recalled that the estimate suggested by the County Com-

missioners of Lake and Orange Counties for providing adequate facilities for controlling the lake level would be between fifty and seventy-five thousand dollars; that the Engineer suggested that investigation first be made to ascertain whether or not the present structure could be repaired and serve the same purpose; and upon examination by Mr. Elliot and the assistant engineer, his recommendation was to reinforce and make permanent the old control works. This resulted in the saving above reflected.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously adopted, that the Board take note of the fact that our Engineer and Secretary has been able to accomplish the improvement on the Apopka-Beauclair Canal Water Control structure at a cost of \$1703.29, which was estimated to cost from fifty to seventy-five thousand dollars.

Attention was called to lease of Palm Beach County land to Pelican Bay Co-Op, and requirements in said lease for protection of equipment and facilities provided by the Trustees at considerable expense. Attorney General Ervin asked if, under the terms of the lease, the Co-Op would not be required to have this equipment insured.

Mr. Wells reported that he has taken the matter up with Mr. C. M. Greene, Superintendent at Glades State Prison Farm, requesting that he discuss this feature of the lease with Mr. Thiebaud, who represents the Co-Op.

Motion was made by Commissioner of Agriculture Mayo, seconded by Attorney General Ervin and unanimously adopted, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund underwrite not exceeding \$2500.00 for repainting the walls, other than those damaged by the contractor, in any office or corridor in the north wing addition to the Capitol Building.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the following bills be approved and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

J. O. Carlile, Tallahassee, Florida	
For work on Old House and Senate Chambers.	\$ 27,613.24
Langston Construction Co., Orlando, Fla.	
Work for Apopka Canal Control Structure	1,654.96
TOTAL.....	\$ 29,268.20

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Brevard	9-6-52	8

Brevard	9-5-52	30
Duval	7-9-52	38
Escambia	10-6-52	2
Holmes	10-4-52	1
St. Johns	9-5-52	37
Washington	10-17-52	1

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

The Trustees deferred action on request from Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bay County, in connection with proposed plans for sale of lots at Lynn Haven, Florida, until Mr. Elliot can submit recommendation as to base bid to be allowed for advertisement of the lots.

Mr. Elliot reported as information that the Trustees advertised for sale an oil, gas and mineral lease covering the reserved interest held by the Trustees in Santa Rosa County land. The lease was applied for by Mr. Woodrow Melvin, on behalf of E. D. Scruggs of Mobile, Alabama, but no bid was submitted on the date lease was advertised to be sold. Refund of the cost of publication has been received from applicant and under the terms of the notice, no bid having been received, the matter appears to be closed.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

FULLER WARREN
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

November 12, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented Minutes of the Trustees dated October 28, 1952, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented offer of \$100.00 an acre from John E. Chisholm, on behalf of S. D. Cox and Ernestine Cox, for purchase of 1.03 acres of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to accept the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. John E. Chisholm, on behalf of Martin F. Stuck and wife, submitted an offer of \$100.00 an acre for 1.03 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. Victor Korpis submitted an offer of \$61.00 for 0.61 of an acre of land adjacent to his upland property in Lake Osborne Park, Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only, based on offer from Mr. Korpis.

Mr. Vaino Talas submitted an offer of \$63.00 for 0.63 of an acre of land adjacent to his upland property in Lake Osborne Park, Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to have the land advertised for objections only, based on offer from Mr. Talas.

Mr. Edwin G. Fraser, on behalf of O. B. Rewis, submitted an offer of \$5.00 per thousand for saw logs removed from the St. Mary's River bottom just north of Macclenny, Baker and Nassau Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize issuance

ot five-year timber lease in favor of Mr. Rewis for taking logs from St. Mary's River.

Mr. George C. Brockway, on behalf of Bessemer Properties, Incorporated, applied to purchase a parcel of submerged and semi-submerged land together with two small islands lying in Indian River southeast of the South 50 acres of Sewall's Point, being a part of the Hanson Grant, containing an aggregate of 12.35 acres, more or less, Martin County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only based on a price of \$200.00 an acre.

Request was presented from J. W. Prince with offer of \$100.00 for extension of one (1) year on his Treasure Lease No. 763, covering submerged areas of the Indian River, lying between the south township line of Township 27 South, Range 36 East, extended eastwardly, and the south township line of Township 39 South, Range 42 East, through the counties of Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant extension of one year as requested by Mr. Prince, upon payment of \$100.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following bills be paid, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To Prin. of State School Fund.....	\$ 27,620.77
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State Board of Conservation ..	2,840.20
Shawano Drainage District, Belle Glade, Fla.—For levee construction, Palm Beach County	6,120.09
General Electric Supply Corporation, Jacksonville, Fla. — Materials for capitol renovation	724.13
Modern Air Conditioners, Tallahassee, Fla.—Materials for capitol renova- tion	1,622.07
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla. Expenses re mortgage foreclosure..	58.42
William Crawford, Pinellas County CCC—Filing Fees	12.50
Todd Tucker, Sheriff Pinellas County Cost for serving notice	7.35
	39,005.53

Stetson O. Sproul, T. C., Palm Beach County—E.D.D. taxes for 1952	9,481.97	
South Fla. Cons. Dist. taxes for 1952	12,651.38	
Cen. & Sou. Fla. Flood Control Dist. taxes for 1952	619.85	
East Beach Dr. Dist. taxes for 1952.	2,217.95	
East Shore Dr. Dist. taxes for 1952.	2.47	
Gladview Dr. Dist. taxes for 1952.	1,255.52	
	26,229.14	
Less 4% discount	1,049.16	25,179.98
W. O. Berryhill, T. C., Broward County—E.D.D. taxes for 1952	412.12	
Cen. & Sou. Fla. Flood Control Dist. taxes for 1952	25.02	
	437.14	
Less 4% discount	17.48	419.66
L. C. Kickliter, T. C., Martin County E.D.D. taxes for 1952	32.82	
Cen. & Sou. Fla. Flood Control Dist. taxes for 1952	6.89	
	39.71	
Less 4% discount	1.59	38.12
J. C. DeShong, T. C., Highlands County—E.D.D. taxes for 1952	1.35	
Cen. & Sou. Fla. Flood Cont. Dist. taxes for 1952	6.57	
	7.92	
Less 4% Discount .....	.32	7.60
Cecile Y. Brooks, T. C., Glades County E.D.D. taxes for 1952	42.27	
Cen. & Sou. Fla. F.C.D. taxes for 1952	9.76	
Diston Island D.D. taxes for 1952..	445.54	
	497.57	
Less 4% Discount	19.90	477.67
Troy E. Moody, T. C., Indian River County — Cen. & Sou. Fla. F.C.D. taxes for 1952	3.91	

Indian River Farms D.D. taxes for 1952	389.29	
	393.20	
Less 4% Discount	15.73	377.47
Curtis M. James, T. C., St. Lucie County—Cen. & Sou. Fla. F.C.D. taxes for 1952	7.98	
Less 4% Discount .....	.32	7.66
W. E. Pound, T. C., Osceola County Cen. & Sou. Fla. F.C.D. taxes for 1952 .....	.52	
Less 4% Discount .....	.02	.50
C. H. Collier, T. C., Collier County E.D.D. taxes for 1952	7.00	
Less 4% Discount .....	.28	6.72
Midyette-Moor Insurance Agency, Tallahassee, Fla.	39.96	
Standard Oil Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	2.95	
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	15.00	
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.95	
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	32.30	
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	3.19	
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla. ....	.35	
George W. Wylie, St. Petersburg, Fla. Service as Special Master in Foreclosure	35.00	
TOTAL.....	\$ 65,651.61	

Financial statements for the month of October are as follows:

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Balance as of October 1, 1952	\$231,806.93
Receipts for the month:	
Land Sales	\$108,862.33
Land Sales—Ch. 14717, Martin County	200.00
Quitclaim Deeds	25.00
250 Interest Coupons—FSIC, Jax Expressway	3,125.00
Interest on 150 Shares Agricultural & Citrus Inspection & Exposition Building	308.33
150 FSIC Rev. Cts. Redeemed or sold \$1000 each	150,000.00
Interest on Contracts	1,195.98
Sand, Shell & Mineral Leases	3,760.05

Miscellaneous Leases	2,847.00
Campsite Leases	105.00
Timber Lease	99.20
Mineral Leases	559.15
Grazing Lease	95.00
 Total Receipts for the Month	\$271,182.04
 GRAND TOTAL	\$502,988.97
Less Disbursements for the Month	113,305.67
 BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1952	\$389,683.30

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1952

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
10-6-52	79896	W. R. Culbreath	\$ 50.25
	79897	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	50.00
	79898	Standard Oil Company	8.37
	79899	Capital Office Equipment Co.	2.35
	79900	News-Press Publishing Co.	11.25
	79901	Palm Beach Post-Times	18.75
	79902	Hardy Abstract Co.	17.00
	79903	Hunt, Salley & Roman	12.36
	79904	Commercial Office Supply Co....	1.50
	79905	Dell Hart Typewriter Co.	3.00
	79906	Jack Culpepper	2,033.50
	79907	Westinghouse Electric Co.	462.76
	79908	Modern Air Conditioners	4,365.58
10-7-52	80093	Willie J. Sauls	29,100.00
10-8-52	81762	A. R. Williams	32.65
10-10-52	84964	J. O. Carlisle	10,805.40
	84965	Deeb Builders, Inc.	22,885.05
	84966	Bigby Electric Co.	3,612.00
	84967	Graybar Electric Co.	268.50
	84704	S. T. Trans. to Prin. State School Fd.	13,200.94
	84705	S. T. Trans. to State Bd. Conserv.	2,316.00
10-13-52	87328	Southeastern Telephone Co.	36.90
	87329	Berlin A. Sawyer, Sheriff	5.60
	87330	Earl R. Adams, CCC	12.50
	87331	Remington-Rand, Inc.	472.50
	87332	Western Union Telegraph Co.	5.40
10-14-52	88716	Simmons & Weeks	10,360.00
10-16-52	93047	Modern Air Conditioners	1,782.09
10-17-52	93776	City of South Bay	10.00
10-10-52	84661	S. T. Trans. to General Revenue.	7,345.09
10-22-52	96990	B & L Farms Co.	52.37
	97694	The Geo. D. Barnard Co.	411.06
10-21-52	97695	A. R. Cogswell	27.00
	97696	Remington-Rand, Inc.	3.57

	97697	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	29.90
	97698	J. B. Henderson, Sheriff	22.10
	97699	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	3.40
10-22-52	97700	W. R. Culbreath	22.92
10-23-52	98467	Sinclair Wells	112.65
10-28-52	101923	A. R. Williams	48.33
10-29-52	103024	Tallahassee Auto Parts Co.	15.04
	103025	Remington-Rand, Inc.	37.50
	103026	John F. Kirk, Sheriff	6.40
	103027	Clearwater Sun	19.50
	103028	Rose Printing Co.	95.00
10-31-52	88724	F. C. Elliot	622.25
	88725	A. R. Williams	384.35
	88726	A. C. Bridges	311.26
	88727	J. B. Linn	266.50
	88728	M. O. Barco	218.03
	88729	Jentye Dedge	308.66
	88730	Bonnie G. Shelfer	189.55
	88731	Sinclair Wells	166.25
	88732	C. M. Greene	47.50
	88733	R. N. Landers	23.75
	88734	Blue Cross of Florida	24.40
	88735	Southern States Life Ins. Co.	17.55
	88736	5% Retirement Fund	137.49
	88737	Withholding Tax	392.10

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR
OCTOBER, 1952 \$113,305.67**

U.S.G.S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Receipts for the month:

Oct. 2—Chase Groves, Inc.	\$ 250.00
Disbursements for the month	- 0 -
BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1952	\$ 250.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

Oct. 2	\$3,122.50
Oct. 16	3,131.75
Total Receipts	6,254.25
Less Returned Check	5.00
Total Net Receipts for October, 1952	\$6,249.25

Disbursements from General Revenue:

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
10-29-52	102388	Ernest Hewitt	\$ 27.75
10-31-52	89919	Ernest Hewitt	315.33
	89920	M. C. Pichard	220.06
	89921	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co..	7.75

89922	5% Retirement Fund	18.58
89923	Withholding Tax	56.60
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR		
OCTOBER, 1952		\$ 646.07

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Bradford	11-3-52	1
Clay	10-11-52	1
Clay	10-25-52	2
Hillsborough	10-14-52	3
Indian River	11-3-52	1
Levy	9-8-52	10
Levy	10-27-52	1
Sarasota	11-6-52	1
Volusia	10-31-52	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest filed under the rules.

Application was presented from Harold A. Way and wife for release of road reservation in deed issued to them conveying land in Pinellas County. Release has been recommended by the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of Pinellas County Quitclaim Deed No. 2200 in favor of Harold A. Way and wife upon payment of \$5.00, which is the usual fee for such releases.

Request was presented from the Florida Power Corporation for permit to erect an electric transmission line across Murphy Act land in Seminole County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request and issue permit for right of way through the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 20 South, Range 30 East, comprising 98 rods, and though a tract beginning at the SW corner of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 31 East, comprising 10 rods; payment to be at the rate of fifty cents per rod for right of way 50 feet wide and less, and one dollar per rod for right of way in excess of fifty feet, or a total of \$59.00 for the right of way.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following bills be paid, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

Capital City Publishing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	
Legal Advertising, oil and gas lease	\$21.85
The Milton Gazette, Milton, Florida	
Legal Advertising, oil and gas lease	25.30
	TOTAL.....\$47.15

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

Fuller Warren
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

November 26, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

Sinclair Wells, Land Agent
Jentye Dedge, Acting Secretary

Mr. Wells presented for consideration nine (9) sales advertised to be held November 18, 1952, but a quorum of the Trustees not being present on that date, the sales were called out, one for competitive bids and the remainder for objections only. No higher bid was received for Highlands County land, and no objections were filed to any sales considered.

On September 30, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$20.00 an acre from Frank B. Snively for purchase of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 39 South, Range 30 East, containing 80 acres in Highlands County. The land was ordered advertised with a starting bid of \$20.00 an acre. *

Mr. Wells called the land out in the Board Room November 18, 1952, and no higher offer was made for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bid of \$20.00 an acre from Mr. Snively.

On September 30, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Wallace Fields, on behalf of Bayshore Estates, Inc., for purchase of submerged land in Bayshore Estates, Section 20, Township 29 South, Range 18 East, containing 1.2 acres in Hillsborough County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Tampa Tribune on October 17, 24, 31, November 7 and 14, 1952, with sale to be held November 18, 1952. Copy of the notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on the date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Bayshore Estates, Inc., at the price agreed upon, \$150,000 an acre.

On September 30, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from Neil B. Barnum, on behalf of W. R. Matthews, for purchase of 0.24 of an acre of lake bottom land on Lake Conway, Section 19, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County, Florida, adjacent to his upland ownership. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only. Notice of the sale was published in the Orlando Sentinel on October 17, 24, 31, November 7 and 14, 1952, with sale to be held November 18, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Dr. Matthews at the price agreed upon, \$300.00 an acre.

On September 30, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from W. Henry Thomas for purchase of reclaimed lake bottom land of Lake Conway lying immediately in front of or south of Lot 32 of Waterwitch Club Subdivision, in Section 13, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, containing 0.085 of an acre in Orange County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Orlando Sentinel on October 17, 24, 31, November 7 and 14, 1952, with sale to be held November 18, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Thomas at the price offered—\$300.00 an acre.

On September 30, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from George S. Brockway, on behalf of clients, for purchase of twenty-six parcels of submerged and semi-submerged land in Boca Ratones Lagoon, lying within the corporate limits of Highland Beach, Florida, in Section 33, Township 46 South, Range 43 East, and in Sections 4 and 9, Township 47 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on October 17, 24, 31, November 7 and 14, 1952, with sale to be held November 18, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land on the date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Brockway's clients at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

On September 30, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$700.00 an acre from W. H. Jones, Jr., for purchase of a parcel of sovereignty land abutting on Lot H-7, according to Supplemental Plat of Sections 5, 8 and 17 of Township 42 South, Range 37 East, containing 0.20 of an acre in Palm Beach County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on October 17, 24, 31, November 7 and 14, 1952, with sale to be held November 18, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Jones at the price offered—\$700.00 an acre.

On September 30, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from A. Mark Wing, on behalf of Albert E. Dunn and wife, for the purchase of submerged land in Tampa Bay lying adjacent to and southeasterly of Lot 11, Block S, Bahama Beach Replat, and located in Section 7, Township 32 South, Range 17 East, containing 1.84 acres in Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the St. Petersburg Times on October 17, 24, 31, November 7 and 14, 1952, with sale to be held November 18, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the description out on the date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Dunn at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

On September 30, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Walter Collany for purchase of submerged lands completely surrounding and adjacent to Island No. 9 in Fractional Section 30, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, comprising 3.5 acres in Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the St. Petersburg Times on October 17, 24, 31, November 7 and 14, 1952, with sale to be held November 18, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on the date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Collany at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

On September 30, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Doyle E. Carlton, on behalf of Bird Key Corporation of Sarasota, Florida, for purchase of 22.3 acres of submerged land in Section 26, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County, lying adjacent to land owned by the company in Lido Beach Division "B" of John Ringling Estates as shown on Plat No. 3. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on October 17, 24, 31, November 7 and 14, 1952, with sale to be held November 18, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Bird Key Corporation at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

Mr. John G. Baker, on behalf of Overstreet Land Company, submitted an offer of \$100.00 an acre for approximately 4 acres of lake bottom land in Section 32, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to sell the parcel without advertisement, the land being adjacent to his upland property.

Mr. Jack R. Bissell, on behalf of Kew Realty Company, submitted an offer of \$250,000 an acre for 5.48 acres of submerged land in Section 26, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, adjacent to upland property of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Kew Realty Company, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. R. E. Hamrick made an offer of \$100.00 for approximately 10 acres of land in Carey's Subdivision in Section 15, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, Florida. The parcel is located in the middle of Mr. Hamrick's holdings and he is asking that sale be made without advertisement.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance without advertisement.

Mr. James A. McClure, Jr., on behalf of Beverly Comer Nabers and wife, submitted an offer of \$200.00 for one (1) acre of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 7, Township 32 South, Range 17 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Nabers subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. J. B. Anderson submitted an offer of \$100.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land in Bayou Chico, lying southwesterly of Lots 1 and 2, Block 42, Petterson Addition Resubdivision, containing 0.25 of an acre, more or less, in Township 2 South, Range 30 west, Escambia County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. D. F. Earnhardt, on behalf of himself and his mother, Mrs. W. C. Earnhardt, submitted an offer of \$150.00 an acre for approximately 12 acres of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 33 East; the parcel applied for being located in the Halifax River, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections as required by law.

Application was presented from Paul Randolph for assignment of Mortgage No. 17557 dated June 3, 1926, from Bellair Estates, Incorporated, covering land in Section 29, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County. Cash payment of \$953.25 was made at the time of purchase and three notes of like amount given. No further payments have been made. Applicant now offers the Trustees \$2,859.75, which is the amount due on the principal, plus all accrued interest.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize assignment of the mortgage in favor of Mr. Randolph upon payment of amount of principal plus accrued interest.

Mr. G. C. Durrance, on behalf of the City of Okeechobee, Florida, submitted an offer of \$5.00 for purchase of Lot 2, Block 202, City of Okeechobee, Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to convey the parcel applied for by the City of Okeechobee, subject to the land being advertised for objections only.

Mr. Frank B. Proctor submitted an offer of \$200.00 an acre for submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 14, Township 14 South, Range 32 East, Volusia County, Florida. The land is located on the east shore of the Halifax River at Ormond Beach, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. W. A. Parrish, on behalf of A. E. Woodburn and Elizabeth Woodburn, submitted an offer of \$200.00 an acre for 3.6 acres of bay bottom land opposite their upland property in Section 9, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Woodburn subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of clients, submitted an offer of \$100.00 an acre for two parcels of submerged land in Toms Harbor, Sections 16, 20 and 21, Township 66 South, Range 30 East, containing 43.3 acres in Monroe County. The land is located adjacent to upland property of clients.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offers, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. Wells reported that at the meeting of the Trustees June 17, 1952, sale of Monroe County land was considered. The land was applied for by Julius F. Stone, Jr., with offer of \$200.00 an acre and was advertised for objections only. The City of Key West, Florida, protested the sale and disposition was postponed pending outcome of the objections. Agreement has been reached between the city and Mr. Stone and the city has withdrawn the objections, provided a restriction is placed in the deed prohibiting the filling or excavation of a portion of the land to be sold by the Trustees, unless the governing body of the city, at some future date, agrees to allow filling or excavation.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize consummation of the sale in favor of Mr. Stone at the price offered, the deed to contain a proper restriction as requested by the City of Key West as to a certain portion of the land advertised for sale.

Mr. Robert M. Brown submitted an offer of \$150.00 an acre for approximately 65 acres of land in Section 6, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, adjacent to upland property of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law.

Mr. Wells reported that on April 1, 1952, the Trustees accepted offer from Shotkin and Garten for purchase of St. Lucie County land and Contract No. 20008 was issued to said parties. Mr. Shotkin has not complied with the terms of the contract, allowing his part of the payments to become delinquent. Letters written to Mr. Shotkin are returned and the office cannot get in touch with him. Mr. Garten requests that he be allowed to take over the entire contract in his name.

Upon recommendation from Mr. Wells, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seeonded by Mr. Mayo, that the matter be held in abeyance, until it can be definitely determined that Mr. Shotkin does not intend to carry out his part of the contract.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented for consideration the following report of bids received from the sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Brevard	10-31-52	1
Brevard	9-5-52	1
Charlotte	9-8-52	3
Columbia	11-5-52	1
Franklin	10-27-52	1
Hernando	11-10-52	1
Indian River	9-22-52	2

Jackson	11-10-52	1
Sarasota	10-24-52	1
Seminole	9-29-52	19
Volusia	10-16-52	5

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for the purpose of releasing state road right of way reserved in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department:

Brevard County Q. C. Deed No. 827 to Emrick A. Dahlstrom and wife.

Pt. Broward County Q.C. Deed No. 1064 to Wm. J. Taggart

Broward County Q.C. Deed No. 1363 to A. B. Conger

Charlotte County Q.C. Deed No. 137 to R. J. Keen.

Clay County Q.C. Deed No. 348 to Carl J. Fendrick & Wife

Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1020 to May L. Rotolante

Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1467 to S. I. Bernbaum & wife

Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1577 to Theodore Palgon & wife

Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1578 to Theodore Palgon & wife

Dade County Q.C. Deeds Nos. 2053 and 2054 to Elizabeth F. Griffin et al

Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 2826-EDDJ to Elizabeth Klein

Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 3518 to Shermac Corp., a Fla. Corp.

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 781 to John Grassel

Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1170 to John W. Etzler & wife

Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1295 to John W. Etzler & wife

Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1542 to Lillian B. Wilson

Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2140 to J. H. Taylor

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2838 to Lee & Pomeroy, Inc.

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2925 to Joe Fernandez & wife

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3510 to Quilman Douglas & wife

Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3616 to Edward C. Vogeler and wife

Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4269 to Robert L. Ruis and Bettie M. Ruis

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 08-Ch. 21684 to Bill Hamner, Inc. (2 deeds)

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 08-Ch. 21684 to Municipal Bond & Mfg. Corp.

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 08-Ch. 21684 to Mel J. Larsen and Clarice Larsen

Indian River Co. Q.C. Deeds Nos. 404, 416, 419 (2 deeds) to Maggie Howard

Okeechobee Co. Q.C. Deed No. 188-EDDJ to E. H. Hargraves

Pt. Palm Beach Co. Q.C. Deed No. 867 to Joseph Glick & wife

Pt. Pinellas Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1003 to Don L. Johnson & wife

Pinellas Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1501 to E. P. Schofield

The Trustees set December 2, 1952, as a date for hearing on Putnam County sale involving land for which John W. Booth, Jr., submitted the highest bid at sale of September 6, 1952; hearing being requested owing to protest from the Board of Public Instruction to sale of the land, as it is needed for school purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in Murphy Act certificates covering land in Franklin, Hernando, Manatee, Okaloosa and Sarasota Counties, as approved by the Attorney General's office for cancellation.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

FULLER WARREN
Governor - Chairman

Attest: Jentye Dedge
Acting Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

December 2, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented minutes of the Trustees dated November 5, 12 and 26, 1952, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells reported that a number of sales were advertised to be held on this date and those for competitive bids would be called out first.

On October 28, 1952, application was considered from Humble Oil & Refining Company for an oil and gas lease covering Lots 3 and 4, Section 2, Township 46 South, Range 26 East, containing 80.28 acres in Lee County, Florida. The company agreed that the lease shall require royalty payments of one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) in kind and the amount of one dollar (\$1.00) per acre annual rental, increasing 5% of such original amount after the first two years and shall be for a primary term of ten (10) years. The bidding for said lease shall be on the cash consideration therefor.

The land was ordered advertised for competitive sealed bids, as required by law, with sale to be held on this date. Notice was published in the Fort Myers News Press and Tallahassee Democrat on October 31, November 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells presented the only bid received, which was \$260.00 from Humble Oil and Refining Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bid from Humble Oil and Refining Company and authorize execution of oil and gas lease in their favor.

On October 7, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from A. B. Peterson, Jr., for Lot 2, Section 25, Township 19 South, Range 32 East, containing 3.96 acres in Volusia County. The land was ordered advertised for competitive bids and notice was published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on October 31, November 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1952, with sale to be held on this date.

Mr. Wells called the land out and stated that he had received by mail an offer of \$150.00 for the parcel from Mr. J. Floyd Harrison.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$600.00 for the parcel from Joseph Rabeck.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bid of \$600.00 and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Rabeck.

On October 21, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$50.00 an acre from Charles F. Stewart for purchase of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, containing 10 acres in Broward County. The land was ordered advertised for competitive bids, based on offer submitted, and notice was published in the Fort Lauderdale News on October 31, November 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1952.

The land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$300.00 an acre from B. R. Cameron.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$300.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Cameron.

On October 7, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from C. H. Bourke Floyd for purchase of an island known locally as Pelican Island lying in St. George Sound, between Cat Point on the mainland and Bulkhead Point on St. George Island, and adjacent to but south of the channel of Intracoastal Waterway at Lighted Beacon No. 46, containing approximately 3 acres in Franklin County. The land was ordered advertised for competitive bids and objections, with sale to be held on this date. Notice of sale was published in the Apalachicola Times on October 31, November 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1952, and proof of publication with copy of notice is filed in the records of the Land Office.

The land was called out for bids and the highest offer received was \$530.00 for the parcel submitted by Mr. Jesse F. Warren, on behalf of C. H. Bourke Floyd.

The land was called out for objections and letter of protest signed by Mr. Bryan Patton, Representative from Franklin County, and five members of the Board of County Commissioners was submitted, giving the following reasons:

- “1. This so-called island is the pile of shells pumped from the bay by the United States government dredge while deepening the Intracoastal Waterway channel through East Hole oyster bar, and this shell pile is surrounded by natural oyster bars in the Apalachicola Bay.
2. The proposed bridge from Cat Point to Bulkhead Point has already been surveyed and crosses the center of this shell pile.
3. The shell, in all probability, will be needed by the County in building the fill from the proposed drawbridge to the island.
4. The sale of this shell pile to some private individual will create a right of way hazard to the proposed bridge and jeopardize its completion.
5. The sale of this type of shell probably will ultimately

mean the sale of all our oyster bars in the Apalachicola Bay."

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees do not confirm sale at this time, pending disposition of objections filed; that in the event the objections are overruled, the offer of \$530.00 for the parcel be accepted.

On October 21, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 an acre from Mr. John F. Burkett, Jr., on behalf of Inez Henson, for purchase of 1.62 acres of submerged land in Section 26, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on October 31, November 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Inez Henson at the price agreed upon—\$250.00 an acre.

On October 21, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from John David Fulford for purchase of 86.88 acres of submerged land in Section 10, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the St. Petersburg Times on October 31, November 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale, however the County Engineer requested that a 500 foot right of way be reserved for Intracoastal Waterway.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Fulford at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre—with reservation in the deed for Intracoastal Waterway right of way as requested.

On October 7, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Walter Callanan for purchase of 1.37 acres, more or less, of reclaimed lake bottom land lying adjacent to and west of the south one acre of the south five acres of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Government Lot 8, Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised

for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on October 31, November 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1952, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Callanan at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

On October 7, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Fred H. Center, for purchase of 1.2 acres of bay bottom land, including an un-named island in the Bay of Florida, lying north and east of Section 8, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, and also situated between Hog Key and Key Vaca, Monroe County. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on October 31, November 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Center at the price agreed upon—\$200.00 an acre.

On October 14, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Lee Shields, for purchase of the submerged land adjacent to and south of Lots 2, 3 and 4, Block 1, Parrish Subdivision at Marathon, Section 9, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, containing 3.2 acres, more or less, in Monroe County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on October 31, November 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Shields at the price agreed upon—\$200.00 an acre.

On October 14, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of M. A. Wilson, for purchase of a parcel of submerged and semi-submerged land lying easterly from

the south 150 feet north of the south line of Old Live Oak Road and east of the existing county road, of U. S. Lot 1, Section 5, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, containing 2.58 acres, more or less, in Volusia County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on October 31, November 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Wilson at the price agreed upon—\$100.00 an acre.

On October 21, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Anderson C. Bouchelle, on behalf of Mrs. Eva P. Rowley, for purchase of 1.4 acres of submerged land in Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, based on offer from Mrs. Rowley. Notice of the sale was published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on October 31, November 7, 14, 21, and 28, 1952, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are on file in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells reported that objections have been filed to the sale and it is recommended that the application be denied.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees decline to sell the land, the opinion being that the objections should be upheld.

On October 7, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Anderson C. Bouchelle, on behalf of clients, for purchase of submerged and semi-submerged land adjacent to that upland area shown on the Plat of J. Fitch Walker property, Map Book 4, Page 158, Public Records of Volusia County, Florida, lying between the easterly extension of 11th and 12th Streets, Holly Hill, Florida, and containing 11 acres, more or less in Section 35, Township 14 South, Range 32 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, based on the offer submitted. Notice of the sale was published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on October 31, November 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1952, with sale to be considered on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells reported that numerous objections have been filed to the sale, among them being the City of Holly Hill, Louis Ossinsky, Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce and many private individuals.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the sale be continued pending hearing on objections filed.

Offer of \$100.00 an acre was submitted from L. H. Sugarman for purchase of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, containing 1.1 acres, more or less, in Pinellas County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, based on the offer from Mr. Sugarman.

Offer of \$700.00 an acre was presented from John T. Pickett, on behalf of I. M. Lair, for purchase of the sovereignty land between his property, being the northwesterly 100 feet of Lot A-12, Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, and Lake Okeechobee Levee.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, based on the offer from Mr. Lair.

Offer of \$200.00 an acre was presented from Mr. John P. Goggin, on behalf of Fred Yoars, for purchase of 0.9 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 25, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, based on offer from Mr. Yoars.

Mr. Wells reported that Mr. R. E. Crane, original holder of Mineral Sand Lease No. 760, covering an area in Indian River County, relinquished a portion of the area and later assigned the remaining area to Hobart Brothers. Hobart Brothers now requests reinstatement in their name of the entire area originally covered by Lease No. 760 under the same terms and conditions.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request and authorize original Lease No. 760 reinstated in favor of Hobart Brothers under the same terms and conditions.

Mr. Elliot requested approval for ventilating system at the pump house of Project No. 1 amounting to approximately \$400.00 and also approval for excavation of outfall channel at pumping station, Project No. 1.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the following bills and request the Comptroller to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Simmons & Weeks, Inc., Belle Glade, Fla.	
For work at pump house, Proj. No. 1	\$ 400.00
For construction of outfall channel	256.97
Ft. Lauderdale Daily News	
For advertising land sales	41.20
The Bradenton Herald Co., Bradenton, Fla.	22.17
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla. ..	1.30
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	4.25
Shell Oil Co., Atlanta, Ga.	17.98
Earl R. Adams, CCC Monroe County—	
recording fee	1.70
Jess Mathas, CCC Volusia County—recording fee	1.35
Ivey Motors, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	4.71
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla.	
Expenses foreclosing Mortgage	31.70
F. C. Elliot—Expenses on trip to South Florida ..	22.50
A. R. Williams—Expenses on trip to South Florida	23.85
J. O. Carlisle, Tallahassee, Fla.	
For renovation of Old House and Senate Chambers in Capitol Building	51,144.66
Cawthon Electric Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	
For rewiring work in Capitol Building	4,380.30
Westinghouse Elec. Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa.	
For material used in renovation of building ..	390.80
General Elec. Supply Corp., Jacksonville, Fla.	
For material used in renovation of building ..	779.58
Good Luck Electric Service, Tallahassee, Fla.	
For material used for air conditioning	8.00
	TOTAL
	\$57,533.02

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Volusia	9-1-52	26

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest filed under the rules.

Request was presented from Stephan Pietras for correction in name of grantee as given in original deed issued to him conveying Okaloosa County land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of Okaloosa County

Deed No. 479-Cor. in favor of Stephan Pietras and wife to correct error in the spelling of grantee's name.

Application was presented to the Trustees October 28, 1952 from Humble Oil & Refining Company for oil, gas and mineral lease covering the reserved interest held by the State in Lee County land conveyed to private individuals in Deeds 587, 628, 655, 759 and 774. The Trustees agreed to advertise the lease for competitive sealed bids and notice was published in the Fort Myers News Press of Fort Myers, Florida and in the Tallahassee Democrat, Tallahassee, Florida, on October 31, November 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1952.

The only bid received was \$283.00 cash consideration from Humble Oil & Refining Company. The lease will require royalty payments of not less than one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) in kind or in value plus the amount of \$1.00 per acre annual rental increasing 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years, and shall be for a primary term of ten (10) years.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Humble Oil & Refining Company and authorize execution of oil, gas and mineral lease covering the reserved interest held by the state in the lands located in Township 45 South, Range 25 East, and Township 46 South, Ranges 24 and 25 East, conveyed by Lee County Deeds 587, 628, 759 and 774.

The Secretary recommended that, pursuant to request from John F. Roscow, Jr., on behalf of his mother, quitclaim deed be issued conveying Lot 8, Block 70, Indian Hill Subdivision, Section 17, Township 19 South, Range 20 East, Citrus County, upon payment of \$40.00, for the following reasons:

That on May 26, 1934, Mr. Roscow redeemed Certificate No. 2752 of 1933 but the Clerk omitted to require redemption of Certificate No. 607 of 1932, by which the land reverted to the State under the Murphy Act;

That since 1934 to date he has redeemed all certificates through the Clerk or paid taxes to the Tax Collector.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize quitclaim deed in favor of Mrs. Roscow upon payment of \$40.00, for the reasons outlined by the Secretary.

Mr. Elliot presented Okaloosa County Report No. 101, sale of November 3, 1952, listing bids received for 553 Port Dixie Lots, with a total bid of \$2,849.25 and recommended that said bids be declined as being insufficient based on recent sales in the same locality and a higher base bid be fixed for advertising.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees decline the bids as recommended by Mr.

Elliot and fix a base bid of \$3,420.00, plus Clerk's costs, for advertising the land.

Mr. Elliot presented application from Commonwealth Oil Company for oil, gas and mineral lease covering the reserved interest held by the State in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 60 South, Range 40 East, containing 80 acres in Monroe County, Florida, said land having been conveyed under Murphy Act Deed No. 599.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the reserved interest held by the State in the land described, lease to require royalty payments of one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) in kind or in value as royalty and \$1.00 per acre annual rental increasing 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years, with bidding to be on the cash consideration for said lease.

This date having been set for hearing on Putnam County sale of September 6, 1952—Report No. 142—highest bidder John W. Booth, Mr. Elliot reported that the Board of Public Instruction of Putnam County asked that final disposition of the sale be held up pending request from the county to have the land conveyed for school purposes; that it was suggested the two parties try to reach an agreement, which they failed to do and the Trustees agreed to hear both parties today.

Mr. Thomas B. Dowda, on behalf of the Board of Public Instruction of Putnam County, stated that he realized the Board was slow in submitting protest—after the 21-day period had elapsed—but the governmental agencies move slowly and that plans were not fully completed until the protest time limit expired. The property under consideration has been surveyed by the county and approved as an additional site for a school building and it was no secret that the School Board proposed acquiring the land; that the Board had abstracts made and found part of the land was under the Murphy Act; that immediately thereafter a resolution was prepared and adopted. About the same time the Board was advised that Mr. Booth had applied to purchase the land under the Murphy Act. Mr. Dowda also stated that the present appraised value of this land is \$7,000.00 and the highest bid at sale was \$170.00; that in trying to reach an agreement with Mr. Booth he had made an offer from the School Board of \$250.00 which he felt would be fair for his expense and trouble, but the offer was declined. The School Board and City authorities have been working together in the acquisition of this land.

Mr. Booth outlined the manner in which Murphy Act land can be bought from the State and stated that he made application to the Clerk to purchase the land, deposited the required amount and was the highest bidder for land at the sale; that the bids were submitted to the Trustees and 21 days later the Clerk was directed to prepare deeds for signing. The 21-day protest period had expired before the County made application to have the land conveyed to the Board of Public Instruction. Mr. Booth also called attention to the rule applying

to public agencies; that although Mr. Dowda stated it was general knowledge that the School Board planned to utilize the land as a school site, in his protest a resolution adopted in October was submitted but before that time no mention had been made in the minutes of the School Board as to the land for Center Street School; that his main contention is that the School Board failed to file protest within the 21-day limit, and secondly that they do not show plans for using the property for public purposes.

Mr. Mayo expressed the opinion that it was the policy of the board to give cities, counties and other public agencies priority to purchase Murphy Act land and that the protest rule could be waived at any time before actual delivery of the deed to the highest bidder at sale; that in such cases the Trustees usually include the reverter clause in deed; that he makes the motion, subject to discussion by other members, that the land be conveyed to Putnam County, for use of the Board of Public Instruction, with reverter clause in the deed that the land shall revert to the State should the same be used for other than public purposes.

Mr. Elliot reported that the protest rule is the time within which persons may file protest within the 21 day limit; that this rule is for the office and the Clerks of the Circuit Courts to operate under, but is not something that the Trustees may not change if they so desire, which is sometimes done in cases where the public interest is involved.

Attorney General Ervin remarked that it was rather difficult to rule against Mr. Booth, but this is a case where the value of this property to the public seems to outweigh Mr. Booth's interest; that even though the county was slow in getting its application in to the Trustees, as pointed out by Mr. Dowda, public agencies necessarily have to act slower than individuals; appraisals have to be made; policies have to be determined and frequently such agencies cannot act as quickly as private interests; that he feels the Trustees should allow the School Board to acquire this property with a reverter clause in the deed to assure that it will not get into private ownership; also suggested that the Trustees withhold delivering deed to the county for thirty (30) days in order that Mr. Booth may bring suit and determine if the Trustees have made a legal error; that in view of the public interest and the high appraised value of the property he feels that the Trustees can equitably take this action in the interest of the public schools; that he will second Mr. Mayo's motion if he will accept the amendment to withhold delivery of the deed thirty days.

Mr. Larson expressed the view that he felt Mr. Booth should have opportunity to file suit, but feels that in voting to convey the land to the county, the Trustees' position is justified in that consideration has always been given to public boards, such as School Boards, Park Boards and other similar boards, for the purpose of developing property in the public interest and for public use; that he feels time should be allowed Mr. Booth in which to present his claim in Court and also give opportunity to settle the matter with the Board of Public Instruction if that can be accomplished. With those conditions he will vote for the motion authorizing conveyance of the property to the County for school purposes.

Mr. Mayo accepted the amendments suggested by the Attorney General and the State Treasurer.

Upon vote, the motion of Mr. Mayo, with amendments by Mr. Ervin and Mr. Larson, was adopted by the Trustees.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller—Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Engineer and Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

December 9, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells submitted an offer of \$100.00 an acre from Freeman & Matthews, on behalf of U. R. Parker, for purchase of an acre of submerged land in the Halifax River lying adjacent to his upland property, being Lot 12, Block 2, Barr's Subdivision, Section 49, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, based on offer from Mr. Parker.

Mr. Claude Gandolfo submitted an offer of \$100.00 for a parcel of the causeway connecting land he purchased from the state, under Contract No. 19968, with Roosevelt Boulevard in the City of Key West, Monroe County. The City of Key West has released any objections to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections only, based on offer from Mr. Gandolfo.

Mrs. Bula Croker submitted application to extend for a period of one year her Treasure Leases Nos. 778, 778-A and 778-B, which expire December 12, 1952. These are permits to search for buried treasure in the underwater areas held by the State in Bay, Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of the leases for a period of one year under the same terms and conditions.

Mr. E. O. Denison and Mr. T. B. Ellis, Jr., on behalf of clients, came before the Trustees with request for assignment of Mortgage No. 17272, dated August 6, 1925, which mortgage covers 168.19 acres of land in Sections 12 and 13, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County, Florida.

Mr. Wells explained that a cash payment of \$30,000.00 was made at the time of sale and three notes, each in the amount of \$30,000.00, were given the Trustees representing balance due on the land; that the total amount of the indebtedness now is about \$200,000.00. Several attempts have been made to compromise the mortgage and in 1946 the Trustees offered to take \$4,000.00 for the indebtedness, but it was never completed.

Question was raised by Mr. Denison and Mr. Ellis as to the statute of limitations running against the state. The Trustees take the position, based on statutory authority, that the statute does not run against the state.

Mr. Denison, for himself and clients, made the following proposals:

1. Make the Trustees an offer of \$4,000.00 for assignment of the mortgage, or
2. Dependent on what kind of deal they can make with the city authorities for adjustment of city taxes, a contingent offer of \$7500.00 if the Trustees will execute assignment of the mortgage for \$7500.00 and place it in escrow in a bank for ten (10) days to allow time for settling the city taxes, which amount to around \$5000.00.

The proposals were discussed and considered, but the Trustees were not favorable to taking action on the application until they have some idea of the present value of the land and whether or not there will be a legal question involved.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees refer the matter to the Attorney General for opinion on the legal question, if one is involved, and that Mr. Wells be requested to report as to the present value of the land covered by the mortgage.

Comptroller Gay presented a proposed resolution having reference to exploration for minerals in land heretofore conveyed by the state to the Federal Government.

Adoption
rescinded.
See Minutes
Dec. 23, '52.

The resolution having been presented to the members and examined, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the State of Florida in 1947 deeded 2000 square miles of the State's domain to the Federal Government and reserved royalty in the oil, gas and other minerals thereunder, but without reservation of the right in the State to explore for minerals, and contributed \$2,000,000.00 to be used by the Federal Government in the acquisition of privately owned additional lands, all for National Park purposes, and all pursuant to the representation by the Federal Government that no more favorable reservations and no rights to explore for oil, gas or other minerals would or could be permitted on either public or private lands thereafter acquired, and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the aforesaid conveyance and contribution, the Federal Government, by Congressional action, authorized private owners of lands in the Park area to reserve and explore for minerals until the year 1958 and, by such action, extended private owners more favorable terms than were exacted of the State in the premises, and

WHEREAS, because of the partiality to private over public interest in the area, the State Government has suffered criticism for being deprived of substantial exploration lease income, together with the possibility of even greater revenue if mineral deposits are discovered, and

WHEREAS, the State has the opportunity to lease for immediate exploration and at a large cash rental, on terms nowise different than those accorded by the Federal Government to private owners, a small and relatively unimportant portion of the area, distant from any worthwhile bird and animal life and not in anywise scenic, and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the conveyance of such lands by the State to the Federal Government, the latter has the express or implied authority to do equity in the matter, and,

WHEREAS, the State is conscious of an earnest desire to cooperate with the Federal Government to the end that a great National Park be established in fact, as well as in name, but it is also conscious of the fact that any such spirit of co-operation should be mutual. In as much as private owners were permitted to reserve the minerals and were given the right to explore and drill a sizable acreage within the area now sought to be released to the State, the request of this Resolution is both fair and reasonable and will in no wise impede the development of the Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida:

1. That the National Park Service is requested and urged to grant unto the State of Florida the same reservations and rights to explore

as have been granted private ownerships in the northern panhandle area described as:

All of the area lying south of the northernmost boundary line of the Everglades National Park and lying north of a line which shall be drawn as follows:

Begin at the Southeast corner of Township 55 South, Range 34 East, run thence due South 5,280 feet; thence run due East 5,280 feet to a point which shall be the point of beginning; from said point run thence due East and parallel to the Northernmost boundary line of the Everglades National Park to the eastern boundary of said Park.

heretofore conveyed by the State to the Federal Government, until the year 1958, such exploration to be under such reasonable restrictions as may be necessary to preserve whatever of flora and fauna there may be in the tract in question.

2. That the United States Senators Holland and Smathers, and Representatives McMullen, Bennett, Sikes, Lantaff, Herlong and Rogers, and Representatives-Elect Courtney Campbell, James A. Haley, and Billy Matthews, are requested to take such steps as may be necessary to secure an equitable adjustment of the matter.

3. That former Governor Millard F. Caldwell, under whose administration the conveyances and contributions above mentioned were made, is requested to assist in whatever way he may in the accomplishment of the aforesaid purposes.

4. That a certified copy hereof be delivered into the hands of the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the National Park Service, and to the members of the Congressional delegation from Florida.

Governor Warren stated that he was voting for the resolution but in no sense was he implying any dissatisfaction or criticism of the manner in which the park officials have administered Everglades National Park. He does not imply and construe the resolution to be any indication of a lack of cooperation by the State with the National Park Service, but recognizes it as one of the great beneficial projects of its kind in the nation and of great value to the State, but his main reason is to see that the State of Florida is treated on the same basis and equally with the private developers of that area.

Governor Warren asked Mr. Elliot if the purport of the resolution was not to get the Federal Government to treat the State of Florida the same as private interests.

Mr. Elliot replied that it was; that the State desired to be on an equal

status with private individuals in reservations for oil and minerals on lands donated to the park.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be authorized to purchase four tire casings and tubes for the Trustees' Plymouth car, at a total cost of \$75.04.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of land under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NUMBER OF BIDS
Bay	11- 3-52	18
Brevard	11-14-52	6
Columbia	11-26-52	1
Franklin	12- 1-50	1
Osceola	11- 3-52	8
Sumter	11- 3-52	10
Union	11-19-52	1

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest filed under the rules.

Mr. Elliot reported that through various circumstances there is a cloud on the title of three Okeechobee County lots and in order to clear up this situation he recommends that quitclaim deed be executed jointly by the State, through Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund acting under Chapter 18296, and by the Trustees as officers of said Fund under Chapter 610, to the County of Okeechobee; that such procedure has been approved by the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve issuance of quitclaim deed as recommended by the Secretary and by the Attorney General's office for conveying Lots 7 and 8, Block 124, and Lot 10, Block 107, City of Okeechobee, for the purpose of removing cloud upon the title of said lots; consideration to be \$5.00.

The California Company, represented by Mr. Sam P. Jones, submitted application for oil, gas and mineral lease, covering the reserved interest in land conveyed by the State in Deeds 316 and 376, Santa Rosa County.

The terms of the lease shall require royalty payments of not less than one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) in kind or in value of gas, oil and other minerals, and the amount of \$1.00 per acre annual rental increasing 5% of the original amount annually after the first two years; lease shall be for

a primary term of ten years and bidding shall be on the cash consideration therefor.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the reserved interest held by the Trustees in Lots 1 and 30, Block 4, Beland Farm Lot S/D No. 2, in Section 4, Township 5 North, Range 26 West, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, Township 5 North, Range 26 West.

Application was presented from O'Neal Hinman requesting reduction in base bid for advertising 295 lots, or 33 acres, in Section 26, Township 13 South, Range 27 East, Volusia County. Mr. Hinman made an offer of \$160.00 as the base bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to allow the land advertised with a base bid of \$500.00 plus Clerk's costs and fees.

Upon recommendation from the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684 in favor of the Internal Improvement Fund under Chapter 610 of certain Murphy Act lands in Monroe County, to be selected by the Land Agent and the Engineer, consideration to be the minimum base bid at the rate of \$5.00 per acre or lot, or one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, whichever be the greater.

Request was presented from V. M. Wray for issuance of deed in his favor for the purpose of giving the correct grantee's name. Information was furnished that original Palm Beach County Deed No. 397 was issued to William A. Riedl who died before delivery of deed; that his widow conveyed the land to another party who in turn conveyed to Mr. Wray. Mr. Wray now requests deed direct to him. The Attorney General's office approves issuance of deed as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of Palm Beach County Deed No. 397-Cor. to V. M. Wray and wife upon payment of \$5.00.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

FULLER WARREN
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

December 17, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated December 2, 1952, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented, except as to item re Everglades National Park.

Governor Warren presented for consideration a resolution adopted by the Trustees December 9, 1952, and made substantially the following statements:

At the last meeting of the Internal Improvement Fund we adopted a resolution affecting the Everglades National Park. I had had opportunity to read the resolution only a short time before voting on it. The resolution does not appear to me to impair the State of Florida's understanding or agreement with the National Government regarding Everglades National Park. Before voting on the resolution adopted December 9th, I offered an explanation for the record stating as my views that it does not impair the agreement, but since that action was taken I have given some further thought to the matter, and while I still have not reached the conclusion that it does impair the State's good faith and agreement of 1947, with the Federal Government, it is a matter of such transcendent importance that I would like more time to consider it.

My explanation at the time will show that I was concerned about not doing anything that could be construed as being impairment of that understanding, and so I would like to have the privilege of giving further thought and study to that matter.

Governor Warren asked Mr. Larson to take the chair in order that he, the Governor, might make a motion on the subject.

Mr. Larson presiding.

Governor Warren offered the motion that the Trustees withhold ap-

proval of the minutes of the meeting held December 9, 1952, as to its action adopting a resolution regarding the drilling for oil in Everglades National Park, with the understanding that the Governor will be accorded the right and privilege at the next meeting to make whatever motion seems advisable. The motion was seconded by Comptroller Gay and upon vote unanimously adopted.

Governor Warren resumed the Chair.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the minutes of December 9, 1952, be approved, except as to resolution having reference to Everglades National Park, action as to approval of said resolution to be deferred until the next meeting.

Mr. Wells reported that seven parcels of land were advertised to be sold December 16, 1952, but a quorum of the Trustees not having been present on that date, the sales were called out in the Board room, bids were received and objections called for, but action thereon was deferred until this date. The sales are as follows:

On November 4, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$7000.00 from A. W. Janes for purchase of all of the lots in Royal Palm Place, a subdivision in Section 27, Township 57 South, Range 38 East, Dade County, less thirteen (13) lots, title to which is not in the Internal Improvement Fund. The land was ordered advertised for competitive bids and notice of the sale was published in the Miami Herald on November 17, 24, December 1, 8 and 15, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and bids invited starting at \$7000.00 for the parcel. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$8,503.00 by Mr. Joseph Kelleher.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the highest offer—\$8,503.00 from Mr. Kelleher, and confirm the sale in his favor.

On November 4, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$20.00 an acre from Mrs. Sarah Andary for purchase of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 24 South, Range 30 East, containing 40.27 acres, more or less, in Orange County, Florida. It was agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids and notice of the sale was published in the Orlando Sentinel on November 17, 24, December 1, 8 and 15, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and bids invited. Mr. B. M. Shotkin raised the bid to \$25.00 an acre, which was the highest offer received.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted,

that the Trustees accept the offer of \$25.00 an acre for the land described and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Shotkin.

On October 28, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 an acre from William K. King, on behalf of James J. Gilbert and wife, for purchase of submerged lands lying in Boca Ceiga Bay west of and adjacent to Lot 48 of Jungle Beach Subdivision, in Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, and containing 0.33 of an acre, more or less, in Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the St. Petersburg Times on November 7, 14, 21, 28 and December 5, 1952, with sale to be held December 16, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on the date specified and no objections were presented to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of James J. Gilbert and wife at the price agreed upon—\$250.00 an acre.

On November 4, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from William A. Cobb, on behalf of Richard G. Uhl and wife, for purchase of a parcel of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Osborne, lying lakeward and adjacent to Lots 25 and 26, Lake Osborne Park, a subdivision in Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, containing 1.36 acres, more or less, in Palm Beach County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only. Notice of the sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on November 17, 24, December 1, 8 and 15, 1952, with sale to be held December 16, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on the date specified and no objections were presented to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Uhl and wife at the price agreed upon—\$100.00 an acre.

On November 4, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Walter Callanan for purchase of a parcel of lake bottom land in Lake Osborne, lying lakeward and adjacent to Lots 27, 28, 29 and 30, Lake Osborne Park, a subdivision of Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, containing 2.80 acres, more or less, in Palm Beach County. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only. Notice of the sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on November 17, 24, December 1, 8 and 15, 1952, with sale to be held December 16, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on the date specified and no objections were presented to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Callanan at the price agreed upon—\$100.00 an acre.

On October 28, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of Henry F. Jaske, for purchase of the submerged and semi-submerged land lying in Indian River northeast of and adjacent to the northerly 200 feet of the southerly 400 feet as measured along the east right of way line of U. S. Highway No. 1, of Lot 3, Assessors Subdivision, lying and being in Government Lot 2, Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, containing 1 acre, more or less, in Volusia County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on November 7, 14, 21, 28 and December 5, 1952, with sale to be held December 16, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on the date specified and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Jaske at the price agreed upon—\$100.00 an acre.

On November 4, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Kirby L. McClain, Jr., for purchase of 1.46 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Section 26, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on November 17, 24, December 1, 8 and 15, 1952, with sale to be held December 16, 1952. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on the date specified and no objections were presented to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. McClain at the price agreed upon—\$200.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells reported that at the June 5th, 1951, meeting, objections were filed by the City of Key West, Florida, to the sale of certain submerged land in Monroe County to Howard E. Wilson and Claude A. Gandolfo. The objections were later withdrawn, applicants having agreed to leave a 125 foot strip intervening between the land to be purchased and Roosevelt Boulevard. The City now agrees to withdraw

objections to sale of the said strip, which comprises approximately two (2) acres, and Messrs. Wilson and Gandolfo request that the Trustees sell the 2 acres to them at a price of \$352.50.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to sell to applicants the strip referred to at the price offered—\$352.50, subject to the parcel being advertised for objections only.

The Trustees considered offer of \$50.00 an acre from R. A. Scott, on behalf of A. R. Taylor, for purchase of Lot 1, Tier 16, Section 24, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County, Florida.

Mr. Wells explained that this parcel is located in about the middle of a tract of land purchased by Mr. Taylor from the Trustees sometime ago, and it was intended that this lot should have been included in the former sale. Mr. Taylor now asks that this lot be conveyed to him without advertisement at the same price he paid for other lots in the same area.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance to Mr. Taylor of the lot described.

Mr. H. D. Perry offered \$50.00 an acre for the S½ of SE¼ of NE¼ of Section 34, Township 51 South, Range 41 East, Broward County, containing 20 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance without advertisement, the price being in line with other offers in that locality.

Mr. Ralph Richards, on behalf of Belleair Estates, Inc., offers \$2,859.75, plus \$6,071.13 which is interest at eight per cent (8%), plus \$100.00 for costs, to secure satisfaction of Mortgage No. 17667 dated June 3, 1926, covering land in Section 29, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County. Mr. Wells explained that these amounts represent balance due on principal, plus interest at 8% and an amount to take care of costs for this old mortgage which has been delinquent for approximately 26 years.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Belleair Estates, Inc., and execute satisfaction of mortgage upon payment of the amounts specified.

The Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Paul Sawyer, on behalf of Joseph R. Sirugo, for purchase of 4.77 acres of bay bottom land adjacent to upland ownership on Stock Island, in Section 34, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections only based on offer from Mr. Sirugo.

Mr. Wells reported that Howard E. Wilson and Claude A. Gandolfo have offered \$352.50 for a strip of land containing 3.5 acres of land in the City of Key West, Monroe County. Said land was originally advertised and offered for sale on June 5, 1951. The City of Key West objected to the sale of the 125-foot strip but have now withdrawn the objections.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Wilson and Gandolfo at the price offered—\$352.50.

Mr. Joseph F. Baya, on behalf of Dr. George F. Parker and wife, offered \$50.00 an acre for the purchase of a small island containing 0.34 of an acre, more or less, in Section 34, Township 26 South, Range 15 East, Pasco County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize sale in favor of Dr. Parker and wife at the price offered, without advertisement, the price offered being in line with other sales of similar land.

Mr. J. Velma Keen, on behalf of E. R. Smith, offered \$150.00 an acre for part of Government Lot 2, and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 59 South, Range 41 East, containing 46.88 acres, more or less, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting at \$150.00 an acre.

Mr. W. R. Clements, on behalf of Crawford C. Shaeffer and wife, offered \$100.00 an acre for 0.74 acres, more or less, of submerged land adjacent to applicant's upland property in Section 52, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, based on offer from Mr. Shaeffer.

Mr. W. R. Clements, on behalf of Raymond T. Friedly and wife, offered \$100.00 an acre for 0.8 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 52, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted,

that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, based on offer from Mr. Friedly.

Mr. Al W. Furen offered \$15.00 an acre for Lots 1 and 2, Section 19, Township 46 South, Range 23 East, Lee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids starting at \$15.00 an acre.

Mr. Henry F. Lilenthal, on behalf of Albert O. deLeon, made application for the purchase of 1.93 acres of lake bottom land on Lake Osborne in Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel of land for objections only, as required by law, conditioned upon Mr. deLeon agreeing to pay \$100.00 an acre.

Application was presented from Fort Myers Shell Company for permit to pump oyster shell in Old Tamp Bay in the general vicinity of Davis Causeway and Oldsmar, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize permit for one (1) year in favor of Fort Myers Shell Company at the regular price charged for shell.

Mr. Howard P. Webster, on behalf of seven clients, offered \$100.00 an acre for purchase of lake bottom land in front of their upland property on Lake Osborne, Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the seven parcels for objections only as required by law, based on the price offered by Mr. Webster's clients.

On motion of Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, the Trustees fixed January 20, 1953, as a date for considering objections filed by a group from Holly Hill, Florida, in connection with recent advertisement of certain submerged land in Volusia County.

Mr. Howard E. Wilson made an offer of \$50.00 an acre for the purchase of Lots 12 and 13, Morningside Subdivision, Section 20, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, Monroe County, comprising approximately sixty (60) acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the lots for competitive bids starting at \$50.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Secretary be authorized to dispose of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) of United States Treasury bonds in the event it becomes necessary in order to meet outstanding commitments.

Financial Statements for the month of November are as follows:

CHAPTER 610

Balance as of November 1, 1952	\$389,683.30
Receipts for the month:	
Land Sales	\$33,257.09
Interest on Contracts	91.98
Tax Refunds	194.18
Quitclaim Deeds	40.00
Pipe Line R/W	500.00
Sale of Fill Material	365.00
Farm Leases	750.00
Sand and Shell Leases	5,496.09
Miscellaneous Leases	428.00
Mineral Lease	101.74
Oil and Gas Leases	14,077.70
Total Receipts for the month	55,301.78
Grand Total	55,301.78
Less Disbursements for the month	444,985.08
BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1952	215,634.78
	\$229,350.30

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1952

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
11-4-52	107549	Simmons & Weeks	\$ 6,475.00
	107550	Prewitt & Nall	3,108.00
11-5-52	109049	Fla. State Improvement Commission..	9,651.89
	109050	Leon Plumbing & Heating Co.	3,235.85
	109051	Deeb Builders	39,984.43
	109589	Irene C. Baker Anderson	5,250.00
	109590	Celia Payne	5,250.00
	109591	J. O. Carlisle	27,613.24
11-13-52	116645	W. R. Culbreath	58.42
	116646	Wm. Crawford, CCC	12.50
	116647	Todd Tucker, Sheriff	7.35
	116648	Shawano Drainage District	6,120.09
11-14-52	117932	Midyett-Moor Insurance Agency ..	39.96
	117933	Standard Oil Co.	2.95
	117934	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	15.00
	117935	Capital Office Equipment Co.	1.95
	117936	Southeastern Telephone Co.	32.30

117937	Western Union Telegraph Co.	3.19
117938	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	.35
117939	Geo. W. Wylie	35.00
117940	Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector	25,179.98
117941	W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector	419.66
117942	L. C. Kickliter, Tax Collector	38.12
117943	J. C. DeShong, Tax Collector	7.60
117944	Cecile Y. Brooks, Tax Collector	477.67
117945	Troy E. Moody, Tax Collector	377.47
117946	Curtis M. James, Tax Collector	7.66
117947	W. E. Pound, Tax Collector	.50
117948	C. H. Collier, Tax Collector	6.72
11-17-52	119264 S. T.—Trans. to State School Fund	27,620.77
	119265 S. T.—Trans. to State Board of Conservation	2,840.20
11-24-52	126511 General Electric Supply Corp.	724.13
	126512 Modern Air Conditioners	1,622.07
11-26-52	129840 A. O. Ward, Tax Collector	8.76
	131094 Troy E. Moody, Tax Collector	179.05
11-29-52	133271 A. A. & T. A. Demetree	40,431.25
	134130 Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector	4,029.10
	124048 F. C. Elliot	622.25
	124049 A. R. Williams	384.35
	124050 A. C. Bridges	311.26
	124051 J. B. Linn	266.50
	124052 M. O. Barco	218.03
	124053 Jentye Dedge	308.66
	124054 B. G. Shelfer	189.55
	124055 Sinclair Wells	166.25
	124056 C. M. Greene	47.50
	124057 R. N. Landers	23.75
	124058 Blue Cross of Florida	24.40
	124059 Southern States Life Ins. Co.	17.55
	124060 5% Retirement Fund	137.49
	124061 Withholding Tax	394.10
11-6-52	110772 Langston Construction Co.	1,654.96

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1952 .. \$215,634.78

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of November 1, 1952	\$250.00
Receipts	-0-
Disbursements	-0-
BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1952	\$250.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

11-3-52	\$ 2,700.00
11-17-52	7,845.90

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1952 .. \$10,545.90

Disbursements from General Revenue:

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
11-29-52	123101	Ernest Hewitt	\$315.33
	123102	M. C. Pichard	220.06
	123103	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	7.75
	123104	5% Retirement Fund	18.58
	123105	Withholding Tax	56.60
11-13-52	115957	Capital City Publishing Co.	21.85
	115058	The Milton Gazette	25.30
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1952			\$665.47

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Duval	11-13-52	5
Franklin	12-8-52	1
Nassau	12-1-52	3
Okaloosa	12-1-52	1
Osceola	7-7-52	28
Sarasota	12-4-52	1
Walton	4-21-52	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Two requests were presented for duplicate deeds to replace originals issued by the Trustees covering land in Hillsborough County, said originals having been lost prior to recording. The Attorney General's office has approved issuance of the duplicate deeds.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution and delivery of the following deeds, upon payment of \$5.00 each deed:

Hillsborough Deed No. 153-Duplicate to Mary V. Grenelle
Hillsborough Deed No. 622-Duplicate to A. F. King

Request was presented from W. O. Norris that action be taken by the Trustees to dispose of Tax Sale Certificate No. 213 of 1927, affecting Lots 67 and 69, St. Andrews Bay Development Company, Section 9, Township 3 South, Range 13 West, Bay County. Mr. Norris explained that he acquired title to these lots by tax deed dated July 6, 1938, but the 1927 certificate was overlooked and the lots were certified to the State under the Murphy Act, Chapter 18296.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court to allow redemption by the present title owner of Certificate No. 213 of 1927, for the amount which he should have paid when tax deed was issued in 1938.

Request was presented from H. E. Corry of Gadsden County that the Trustees take some action to clear title to land on which taxes have been continuously paid since 1895 up to and including 1952. Mr. Corry states that a tax sale certificate issued in 1894 for non-payment of 1893 taxes is still outstanding and the land covered thereby—the E½ of NW¼ of Section 23, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 80 acres in Gadsden County—was certified to the State under Chapter 18296. It was only recently discovered that this certificate was outstanding.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to issue quitclaim deed to Mr. Corry covering the land described upon payment of \$5.00, thereby removing cloud on his title.

Request was presented from Mel J. Larsen and wife for quitclaim deed covering a borrow pit reservation on the east 100 feet of Lot 5, Block 2, Virginia Estates, Hillsborough County, comprising 0.69 of an acre. The State Road Department has executed a disclaimer in favor of the Trustees as to the borrow pit area.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of quitclaim deed in favor of Mr. Larsen and wife, owners of the lot, for the purpose of releasing the borrow pit reservation, consideration to be \$5.00.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

FULLER WARREN
Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
December 23, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

Governor Warren asked Attorney General Ervin to preside in order that he might make a statement with reference to a resolution adopted by the board December 9th.

Governor Warren called attention to a resolution adopted by the Trustees December 9th, requesting that the National Park Service grant to the State of Florida the same reservations and rights for oil and minerals as allowed to private land owners in the park area; that at said meeting he had stated that while he was voting for the resolution he was not implying any dissatisfaction or criticism of the National Park Service or the manner in which the park was being handled by Park officials; that he did not wish to imply any lack of cooperation by the State with the Federal Government, or that by adoption of the resolution any impairment of the original agreement with the Federal Government was intended; that he had only read the resolution a short time before the adoption, but subsequently he became disturbed thinking that the resolution might be construed as being an impairment of the original agreement with the Federal Government. The Governor expressed concern as to the resolution at the meeting December 17th and the Board took action withholding approval of the resolution of December 9th so that further consideration could be had at the meeting today; that there are several thoughts he would like to have the Board consider:

That the Board was on sound ground in taking the position two weeks ago that the State should be put on a parity with private land owners;

That in allowing private land owners in the Everglades National Park area to drill for oil until 1958, the Federal Government did not conform to the spirit and letter of the original agreement with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund; and

That the Federal Government should go back to the original agreement, which was to allow no oil exploration by anyone in the park area, and failing in that, the State should be put on a parity with private owners.

The Governor submitted a proposed resolution which he read, and stated that he was not formally offering it at this time but it was being presented for discussion and consideration; that the resolution seeks to get the Federal Government to go back to the original agreement and abide by it, and if that cannot be done that the Trustees be put on the same basis as the private owners.

Attorney General Ervin stated that he would like to rescind the resolution adopted December 9th; that he feels the State by its action in 1947 has an agreement with the Federal Government; that it has abdicated its oil and mineral rights, and he feels the whole matter is beyond debate; that no further action should be taken but leave it as it was when final action was taken on the proposed contract applied for by Commonwealth Oil Company; that perhaps the best thing to do would be to rescind the resolution of December 9; that if Congress wants to take any further action, Florida's Congressmen are there to look after the State's interest.

State Treasurer Larson stated that he was not present when the resolution was adopted December 9th, and that he feels very much like the Attorney General, that the resolution should be rescinded; that he feels like a covenant was entered into with the Federal Government and any contrary action now would be running contrary to negotiations concerning Everglades National Park; that he would like to make a motion to the effect that the December 9th resolution be rescinded.

The resolution proposed by the Governor was further discussed, resulting in the Attorney General being requested to prepare a resolution along the lines of the discussion, protesting to the Federal Government the unequal position of the State as compared with private individuals.

Mr. Mayo stated that he would like to have the matter continued until the next meeting as Mr. Gay was not present.

Mr. Larson moved that the action of the Trustees of December 9th be rescinded as to the adoption of the resolution affecting oil and mineral rights of the Trustees in Everglades National Park area. Governor Warren seconded the motion. Vote on the motion was as follows:

Yea: Governor Warren, Mr. Larson and Mr. Ervin

Nay: Mr. Mayo

Mr. Elliot presented eleven (11) telegrams and two (2) letters from the South Florida area in support of the resolution adopted December 9th, and urging that the Trustees confirm action adopting said resolution.

The Secretary was requested to submit a list of those sending the telegrams and letters, with a brief summary of the contents of the messages.

Senator Harry E. King of Winter Haven, Florida, presented request that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund give consent for conveyance by the Florida State Improvement Commission to Polk County of Lots 7 to 15, both inclusive, Silver Shores, an addition to the City of Winter Haven, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 84, Polk County, Florida, said lots to be used as a site for the construction of a Health Center for Polk County. Senator King explained that these lots are a part of the area on which the State Farmer's Market building is located and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund hold Revenue Certificates on the building.

Commissioner of Agriculture Mayo expressed the opinion that he could see no objection to granting the request, since the Improvement Commission has indicated its willingness to convey the lots for the Health Center.

Motion was made by Attorney General Ervin, seconded by Treasurer Larson and adopted, that the Trustees go on record as having no objection to conveyance by Florida State Improvement Commission of the lots heretofore enumerated on which to construct a Health Center for Polk County, Florida, to be used for public purposes only,

with reversion in the event the lots are no longer used for public purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be paid, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary	\$ 775.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	475.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	406.66
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant	290.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Secretary	306.66
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Secretary	361.66
B. G. Sheller, Clerk-Stenographer	246.66
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	175.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	25.00
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent—Expenses	40.87
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent—Expenses	168.37
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla. Expenses in Mortgage Foreclosure	5.25
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To Prin. State School Fund	11,700.03
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State Board of Conservation	4,981.83
General Electric Supply Corp., Jacksonville, Fla. For material used in renovation of capitol	4,731.05
Modern Air Conditioners, Tallahassee, Fla. For equipment for Old House Chamber	996.55
Deeb Builders Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. For work on air conditioning Capitol	12,942.08
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer For Murph Act land in Monroe County conveyed under Chapter 21684 to Trustees	3,241.00
G. C. Crawford, Clerk Circuit Court, Leon County For Lot 45 (for Capitol Center)	14,300.00
Hardy Fryer and Ruth H. Williams For Lot 48 (for Capitol Center)	9,949.80
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	31.95
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	2.55
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	2.80
Shell Oil Company, Atlanta, Ga.	20.86
The Key West Citizen, Key West, Fla.—For notice	18.00
Orlando Sentinel-Star, Orlando, Fla.—For notice	15.61
News-Journal Corp., Daytona Beach, Fla.—For notice	23.00
Earnest Overstreet, T. C. Dade County E.D.D. taxes for 1952	1,101.98
Less 4% Discount	44.08
	1,057.90
Earnest Overstreet, T. C. Dade County E.D.D. taxes for 1951 on a parcel in Sec. 8-57-40	6.08
TOTAL.....	\$67,347.22

Application was presented from Simonhoff and Simonhoff for conveyance of a parcel of land containing approximately fourteen (14) acres in Section 20, Township 59 South, Range 39 East, Dade County.

In view of the circumstances surrounding the case, viz: that advertisement was published for joint sale of the parcel of land described, the Everglades Drainage District and the State having equal equity; the sale was held and deed issued from Everglades Drainage District to Glades Acreage Properties, and later sold to Simonhoff and Simonhoff, but when the bid was presented to the Trustees for action it was declined owing to negotiations with the National Park Service for conveyance of certain areas for Everglades National Park; and subsequent conveyance from the State under the Murphy Act to the Trustees under Chapter 610; the Secretary recommends that the Trustees make deed direct to Everglades Drainage District in order that the title conveyed by the District may be made good.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the recommendation of the Secretary be adopted as the action of the Trustees and deed ordered executed in favor of Everglades Drainage District.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Osceola	3-24-52	780
Taylor	11-15-52	2

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Trustees recently fixed a base bid of \$15.00 an acre for an estimated 50 acres of land in Duval County, applied for by St. Joe Paper Company. A survey of the property shows that there are only nine (9) acres in the tract which is described as Fractional Part SE $\frac{1}{4}$ South and East of County Line (Thomas Creek) in Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 25 East, except A. C. L. Railroad R/W.

St. Joe Paper Company now agrees to pay \$15.00 an acre for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from St. Joe Paper Company and authorize deed issued.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries be approved, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$ 371.66
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	246.66
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TOTAL.....	\$ 618.32

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

FULLER WARREN
Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

December 30, 1952

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Governor Warren stated that there are a number of citizens from over the State present for the purpose of presenting their views on the question of oil drilling in the Everglades National Park; that it appears now the board will be unable to make a final decision on the matter today, and it was suggested that the parties present desiring to be heard might prefer to present their case at a later meeting when it could be fully heard and some prospect of the Board making a decision at the conclusion of the hearing. If anyone desires to be heard at this time, the board will be glad to hear them, but it is very probable that no action can be taken at this meeting owing to the division of thought on the subject by the members present.

The Governor mentioned a proposed resolution, which none of the members have had opportunity to study carefully, and stated that he would like to get some indication of how the other members felt as to the possibility of reaching a decision today.

State Treasurer Larson said that he would not want to pass on the question today; that he felt he has a right to give the proposed resolution careful consideration before making a decision, which he has not had opportunity to do as yet, the resolution having been presented only a short time before this meeting; that he will be glad to hear anyone who desires to present his case but feels that this is entirely too important a matter for him to arrive at a conclusion this afternoon.

Attorney General Ervin stated that he agreed with the Governor that it did not seem possible for a decision to be reached on the subject this afternoon; that he would be willing to hear anyone who desired to be heard, but since the complexion of the Board would be changed in a few days it would seem a waste of the time of those who desire to be heard to present their case today and have the decision at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Mayo stated that he desires to go on record as having always been one hundred percent in favor of Everglades National Park; that in 1947 the State contributed approximately 847,000 acres of land and water and donated two million dollars in cash with which to purchase additional land from private individuals; that in dealing with the land owners the Federal Government gave more liberal concessions than were accorded the State; that he is not in favor of taking away any of the privileges allowed private owners by the Government, but contends that the State should receive the same treatment that individual land owners are now receiving; that he does not believe exploration or drilling for oil in the Park area would disturb the birds; development of oil in the Glades would be an added attraction to the Park; that he would not be in favor of the resolution as explained to him briefly by the Attorney General but he would like to have the matter settled as soon as possible. He feels that every effort should be used to get the State's oil and mineral rights restored on a parity with private land owners.

Governor Warren further explained that he has never reached any sound conclusion on this subject; that he has never fully familiarized himself with all the agreements with the Park Service and the action taken by the board on the Park activities; that he believes the Park is of tremendous value to the State; that his impression was that there would be no oil exploration or drilling in that area; that only recently did he learn that the Federal Government had permitted private owners to retain oil privileges until 1958, which were not allowed to the State; that the State should have the same rights and if the Federal Government will not rescind its action and keep oil drilling out of the Park, the State should be given rights on a parity with individuals.

Anyone desiring to be heard was invited to speak.

Judge Rivers H. Buford stated that the interests he represents do not want to push a decision on this matter until the board is ready to take action. He pointed out that the question of the Government taking away the rights reserved to private parties cannot be done; that such owners have a vested right that cannot be destroyed; that since there is difference of opinion among the members of the Trustees, he would rather defer presentation of the matter until such time as the board is ready to act.

Governor Warren stated that after hearing the matter discussed by Judge Buford, he would abandon his suggestion as to requesting the Federal Government to rescind the rights given to private owners.

Mr. Ivar Axelson, President of Everglades National Park Association, and a former owner of land within the park boundaries, addressed the Trustees, giving information as to the number of acres of land

within the park area under lease to different oil companies and how long they will continue; also that the reason the private owners went to Congress to get oil rights was because of the fact that the State has these outstanding leases, some of which will run till 1963. Other statements were made as to purchase by the Park Service of large acreages from private land owners.

Mr. J. L. McCord, representing Commonwealth Oil Company, presented a map showing location of the outstanding oil leases in the Park area and stated that seventy-five percent (75%) of the total area is under oil leases at this time, both from the State and from private owners, the largest of which is Model Land Company. His opinion was that if 75% of the area can be explored, he sees no reason why the State should not be allowed to exercise its rights. He stated that if oil should be discovered it would affect only about one percent of the total area and instead of being a detriment it would be a great attraction to the Park.

Governor Warren stated that the statements made here today have enlightened him considerably and he has a better knowledge of the situation in regard to the park.

Mr. Larson stated that he wanted to assure those present that there has never been any thought in his mind, in discussing in a limited way the proposed resolution, to request the Federal Government to rescind its action allowing certain rights to private individuals who owned land in the park area; that he feels there has been some misunderstanding by readers of certain newspapers in the State as to the discussions of the board; that this is evidenced by the numerous letters, telegrams and phone calls that have been coming in to the board members; that as one member of the Trustees he has always appreciated the advice and information given by Judge Buford.

The Secretary reported that about 30 telegrams and letters have been received urging that the Trustees do not rescind the resolution adopted December 9th, requesting the National Park Service to grant to the State the same reservations and rights to explore as have been granted private ownerships in the Park area, and also protesting any action by the Trustees attempting to have the Federal Government take away the oil reservations and rights to explore on land reserved to private landowners in the Park.

The letters and messages were ordered filed.

Mr. Larson stated that he would like to have Mr. Elliot present a report he has shown him as to the financial soundness of the Internal Improvement Fund, from which fund the State has been able to purchase bonds, revenue certificates, valuable property which will be utilized as a part of the great Capitol Center, and remodeling and improvements to the Capitol building.

Mr. Elliot reported that during the past four years the Internal Improvement Fund has increased steadily; that under legislative action the Fund has invested in bonds and revenue certificates amount-

ing to approximately two million dollars, the interest from which investments is sufficient to pay operating expenses of the Trustees, not including taxes and contributions to other State agencies. Valuable property in the City of Tallahassee has been purchased at a cost of \$276,692.90, to become a part of the Capitol Center. Improvements to the Capitol building, authorized by the Legislature of 1951, include installation of an elevator in the north wing of the Capitol, remodeling and airconditioning the offices of the legislative department on the third floor; also certain improvements to the first and second floor of the north wing. For this improvement work the Trustees allocated \$611,056.66, of which the Legislature of 1951 appropriated \$150,000.00 from said Fund. All bills on this work are not in as yet, but of the balance of \$299,910.85 the Trustees have on hand within approximately one hundred thousand dollars of what will be necessary to pay off the entire amount for which the Trustees are committed.

Governor Warren thanked Mr. Elliot for the fine service he has rendered the Trustees and stated that his guidance, helpful assistance and valuable information has meant a great deal to him during the four years he has been Governor.

Mr. J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of T. T. McDaniel and wife, offered \$100.00 an acre for the purchase of 1.28 acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only as required by law, based on offer from Mr. McDaniel.

The following offers were made by Mr. Thomas H. Horobin for purchase of Dade County land:

\$100.00 an acre for the subdivision known as Greater Miami Heights in Section 5, Township 55 South, Range 39 East, or as much thereof as is owned by the Trustees;

\$100.00 an acre for Forest Park Subdivision in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, Township 58 South, Range 38 East, or as much thereof as is owned by the Trustees;

\$75.00 an acre for W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 20, Township 58 South, Range 39 East; and

\$5,000.00 for Lot 1, Section 9, Township 54 South, Range 42 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids, starting at the prices offered by Mr. Horobin.

Request was presented from Florida Gravel Company that its Sand and Gravel Lease No. 296 be extended for a period of five years from expiration date, January 1, 1953. The lease covers that portion of the Apalachicola and Chattahoochee rivers in the State of Florida, from Apalachicola in Franklin County, to the line between the States of Florida and Alabama.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant request and extend the lease for the period of 5 years under the same terms and conditions.

Mr. Ralph T. Ganary offers \$140.00 for the purchase of Lot 4, Section 24, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, containing 13.97 acres in Volusia County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the lot for competitive bids, starting at the price offered by Mr. Ganary.

Mr. Al W. Furen, on behalf of John David Fulford, offered \$100.00 an acre for 208.1 acres of submerged land adjacent to land previously purchased by him from the Trustees in Section 10, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, based on the offer from Mr. Fulford.

Mr. Charles A. Robinson, on behalf of Smith-Hudson, offered \$150.00 an acre for two tracts of submerged land comprising 5.75 acres in Section 32, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, Pinellas County, adjacent to upland ownership of applicants.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, based on offer from Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the City of Key West, Florida, that the Trustees sell or reserve unto the City of Key West certain areas along Roosevelt Boulevard for public purposes. The Secretary recommended that if the request is approved, a resolution be adopted covering the action of the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the City of Key West, Florida, adopted a resolution bearing date the 17th day of November, 1952, the subject of which is as follows:

"A Resolution requesting that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida sell or reserve unto the City of Key West, Florida a strip of land along Roosevelt Boulevard to preserve the scenic Marine view for the general public."

and the body of the resolution requests "the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund either to sell to this city or enter into an agreement with this city to preserve the submerged lands along Roosevelt Boulevard so that the water along said Roosevelt Boulevard may not be filled, except by the city for park purposes, and the scenic marine view may be retained to the general public forever," and

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, the said resolution requests "That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida are hereby requested, as a public necessity, for the reasons set forth in the preamble of this resolution, either to sell or reserve to this city the submerged lands lying along Roosevelt Boulevard from Dredgers Key Road around the entire eastern portion of the island to Bertha Street, if extended in a southeasterly direction to the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, with the exception of those parcels of land heretofore conveyed to private owners. It is further requested that the said area of submerged land desired to be sold or reserved be at least 300 feet in width along said Roosevelt Boulevard." Now, therefore.

BE IT RESOLED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that said Trustees hereby order that the land and water areas above described be and the same are hereby withdrawn from sale or other disposition, subject to further action by said Trustees when and if the City of Key West undertakes the construction of a park or parks, or other improvements for public purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during such period the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund hereby authorize the City Commission of the City of Key West, Florida, acting as agents for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, to exercise such police powers over said area as may be necessary to prevent any unauthorized or unlawful encroachment, trespass or use of said premises.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Mr. John Lloyd, attorney for Broward County, that the Trustees give the county permission to use an area comprising the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 47 South, Range 42 East, containing 20 acres, from which to remove rock for county purposes. It was explained that in May 1949 the Trustees conveyed to the county the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 32, for rock pit purposes exclusively, but the rock is of quality not suitable for road purposes and request is made for an additional area.

Mr. Lloyd, on behalf of the county, also requested that the Trustees waive the restriction in deed of May 1949, in order that the county may use the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32 for public recreation purposes, such as Boy Scout activities and playgrounds.

Mr. Elliot recommended that the requests be granted.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant permission for Broward County Commissioners to take rock from the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32 Township 47 South, Range 42 East, for county road purposes, conditioned that the area shall also be available to the State Road Department for public road purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees waive the restriction for rock pit purposes only in Deed No. 28-B-51, Broward County, dated May 31, 1949, and grant permission for Broward County to use the area described in said deed for public recreational purposes, such as Boy Scout activities and playground use.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration eighteen (18) applications for release of state road right of way reservation in original conveyances from the state. The State Road Department has approved such releases.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following quitclaim deeds for the purpose of releasing the reservation for state road right of way as approved by the State Road Department:

Brevard County Q.C. Deed No. 919 to J. E. Karrick and Gertrude S. Karrick

Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 854 to Joseph H. Wiser & wife

Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1208 to Joseph H. Wiser & wife

Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1467 to Raymond S. Powell & wife

Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1771 to Charles M. Moon

Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1771 to R. W. Reynolds

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 08-Ch. 21684 to Fenwick G. Burley and Agnes K. Burley

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 08-Ch. 21684 to Irving Cracowener

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1673 to Richard J. Metzger & wife

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 2086 to Norman D. Maestre

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3923 to T. D. McRae & wife

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3923 to L. J. Terry & wife

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4265 to L. J. Terry & wife

Osceola Co. Q.C. Deed No. 62 to George Wilson

Pt. Pinellas Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1660 to Roger Conrow & wife

Pt. Pinellas Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4494 to Carl A. Norberg & wife

Polk Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2828 to F. M. O'Byrne
 Pt. Putnam Q.C. Deed No. 1162 to Frank H. West and Julia
 E. West

Mr. Elliot presented request from Franklin County Board of Public Instruction that the Trustees convey to the said Board Lots 3, 4 and 5, Block "A", Range 6, Pickett's Addition to Carrabelle, Florida, and Lot 6, Block 2, Coombs Addition to Carrabelle. The School Board claims title to the lots over a period of twenty (20) years, by reason of conveyances from private parties, and has used the property for Carrabelle High School purposes.

The lots reverted to the state under the provisions of Chapter 18296, by certificates which were not taken up when conveyances were made to the School Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to dedicate to Franklin County Board of Public Instruction under Chapter 21684 the lots described, for school purposes, consideration to be \$5.00.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

FULLER WARREN
 Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
 Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
 January 2, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund held an informal meeting on this date in the Capitol.

Present: Fuller Warren, Governor
 C. M. Gay, Comptroller
 Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

The Secretary presented to each of the above members individually a situation with respect to sale of certain lots in Townsite of Port Dixie, Okaloosa County, listed on Report No. 101, sale of November 3, 1952. Reports have been received by the Trustees that on several occasions since February 1952 attempts have been made by an applicant, Mr. John Gray of Pensacola, Florida, to purchase lots in the Townsite of Port Dixie; that conflicting information was given Mr. Gray as to deposit of base bid and later as to date of sale, as a result of which he was prevented from bidding on the land when the sale was held November 3, 1952; that the Trustees heretofore, on December

2, 1952, declined the bids as being less than recent sales in that area and fixed a base bid of \$3,420.00.

After discussion of the situation, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that either of the following alternatives would be satisfactory:

1. That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund advertise the lots in question, bids to be received by the Trustees at the Board Room in the Capitol at Tallahassee on a specified date, at which any person would be entitled to bid, beginning with any amount above the base bid, base bid to be as previously fixed by the Trustees for all of the lots in the amount of \$3,420.00; advertisement to be at the cost of bidder.
Or

2. That under Chapter 21684 the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, as the officers of such fund, acquire the Murphy Act title from the State of Florida; that when title shall have vested in the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, the Trustees then convey such title to purchaser.

The Secretary was requested to notify Mr. Gray that he could avail himself of either of the two alternatives if he desired to purchase the land.

The above action was taken subject to confirmation at a regular meeting of the Trustees.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

FULLER WARREN
Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

January 7, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Dan McCarty, Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented a proposed resolution with the statement that it is customary for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund at

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the first meeting after the inauguration of a new Governor, to elect the Governor as Chairman of the Trustees for the ensuing four years.

Upon motion of Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and carried, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS it has been the custom of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to organize quadriennially by designating the incoming Governor as Chairman of the said Trustees, Now Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund designate Honorable Dan McCarty, Governor of Florida, as Chairman of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and, pursuant to custom, in his absence the next member of the Trustees, according to the order in which their names appear as designated in the Act creating the Internal Improvement Fund, shall preside as Chairman.

Mr. Wells reported that four parcels of land were advertised for objections only, with sales to be held January 6, 1953, but no protests were filed to any of the land advertised. He requested action on the following sales:

On November 12, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Victor Korpis for purchase of a parcel of reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Osborne, lying lakeward and adjacent to Lot 23 of Lake Osborn Park, a subdivision in Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, containing 0.61 of an acre, more or less, in Palm Beach County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only. Notice of the sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on December 5, 12, 19, 26, 1952 and January 2, 1953, with sale to be held January 6. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Korpis at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

On November 12, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Vaino Talas for purchase of a parcel of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Osborne lying lakeward and adjacent to Lot 24 of Lake Osborn Park, a subdivision in Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, containing 0.63 of an acre, more or less, in Palm Beach County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only. Notice of the sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on December 5, 12, 19, 26, 1952, and January 2, 1953, with sale to be held January 6, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Talas at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

On November 12, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from John E. Chisholm, on behalf of S. D. Cox and wife and Martin F. Stuck and wife, for purchase of submerged and semi-submerged land lying in Indian River North, directly opposite and across Riverside Drive from Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Snider's S/D, in Section 49, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to advertisement of the land for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal on December 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1952, and January 2, 1953, with sale to be held January 6, 1953. Copy of the notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Chisholm's clients at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

On November 12, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from George Brockway, on behalf of Bessemer Properties, Inc., for purchase of a parcel of submerged and semi-submerged land, together with two small islands lying in Indian River, southeast of the South 50 acres of Sewall's Point, being a part of Hanson's Grant, in Section 7, Township 38 South, Range 42 East, Martin County, Florida.

The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Stuart News on December 4, 11, 18, 25, 1952, and January 1, 1953, with sale to be held January 6, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Bessemer Properties, Inc., at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

Governor McCarty inquired as to the policy of the Trustees in selling submerged and water front property of the State, where it is adjacent to upland ownership, and whether or not the County Commissioners or City officials in the respective counties and municipali-

ties are notified of these sales; that he feels it is the responsibility of the board to see that the public interest is protected in so far as destroying the natural beauty of the waterways of the State.

General discussion was had as to the manner in which the Trustees handle applications and sales of state lands. It was explained that notices are given by newspaper publication and anyone desiring to be heard may come before the board and present objections, or in the case of bids, they will have opportunity to bid on the land. It was pointed out that in Dade County a legislative act was passed prohibiting sale of any of the bottoms of Biscayne Bay. Other coastal counties have evidenced concern over sales of submerged areas and it is very probable that legislation affecting other counties will be enacted at the coming session similar to the Dade County Act.

Governor McCarty suggested that it might be well to notify the County Commissioners and the city officials of any areas where submerged or water front property is to be advertised for sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that County Commissioners and city officials be notified of any lands being advertised in their respective counties for sale affecting water-front or submerged areas.

Mr. Walter P. Fuller, on behalf of Donald D. and Hilda M. Roselli, submitted an offer of \$200.00 an acre for submerged land in Sections 14, 15 and 23, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, containing 175 acres, more or less, in Pinellas County. Applicants are the owners of adjacent upland property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, based on offer from Mr. Roselli, with special notice to the County Commissioners of Pinellas County, and city officials if the area is within a municipality.

Mr. George R. Smoyer, Jr., offers \$100.00 an acre for 1.56 acres, more or less, of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 17, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, based on offer from applicant, with special notice to be sent county and city officials.

Mr. Robert S. Baynard, on behalf of himself and clients, offers \$100.00 an acre for three (3) parcels of submerged land containing 0.17, 0.16 and 0.15 acres, respectively, in Section 27, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, adjacent to upland property of applicants.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the three parcels for objections only, as required by law, based on offers submitted, special notice of such proposed sale to be sent to city and county officials.

Mr. Wells called attention to action taken by the Trustees September 30, 1952, in connection with proposed exchange between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and U. S. Sugar Corporation. The original arrangement was that the State would receive 59.09 acres of land plus a cash consideration, and would convey 25.04 acres to the Sugar Company. A survey subsequently made by the Sugar Company, at its own expense, discloses that about six (6) acres of state land comprise the bottoms of canals and are not usable for other purposes. It is now recommended that the exchange be made on an even basis, without any cash consideration, in view of the reduced usable acreage which the Sugar Company will receive. Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees modify the former agreement and authorize the exchange on an even basis as recommended by Mr. Wells.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

DAN McCARTY
Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Engineer and Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

January 27, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Dan McCarty, Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated December 17, 23, 30, 1952 and January 7, 1953, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells reported that a number of sales were advertised, on application of adjacent upland owners, to be held January 20, 1953, but a quorum not having been present on that date, the sales could not be consummated; that the various descriptions were called out and no objections were filed to the following sales:

On November 26, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from J. B. Anderson for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Bayou Chico lying southwesterly of Lots 1 and 2, Block 42 Peterson Addition Resubdivision, located in Township 2 South, Range 30 West, and containing 0.25 of an acre in Escambia County, Florida.

The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Pensacola Journal on December 19, 26, 1952, January 2, 9 and 16, 1953, with sale to be held on January 20, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised, and no objections were filed to the sale.

ALSO:

On November 26, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from John G. Baker, on behalf of Overstreet Land Company, for purchase of a parcel of lake bottom land in Section 32, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, described as starting from the southeast corner of Government Lot 3, run North 12° East along Traverse line 700 feet to point of beginning, containing 4 acres, more or less, in Orange County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Orlando Sentinel on December 19, 26, 1952, January 2, 9 and 16, 1953, with sale to be held on January 20, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

ALSO:

On December 2, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from L. H. Sugarman for purchase of a parcel of submerged land lying in Old Tampa Bay southeasterly of and across Bayshore Drive from Lots 1 and 2, Block D of Washington-Brennan S/D, in Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, containing 1.1 acres, more or less, in Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on December 19, 26, 1952, January 2, 9 and 16, 1953, with sale to be held January 20, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

ALSO:

On November 26, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Robert M. Brown for purchase of a parcel of submerged land lying in Clearwater Harbor, easterly of and adjacent to Government Lot 1, Section 6, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, containing 62.4 acres, more or less, in Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the St. Petersburg Times on December 19, 26, 1952, January 2, 9 and 16, 1953, with sale to be held January 20, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

ALSO:

On November 26, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from James A. McClure, on behalf of Beverly C. Nabers and wife for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Tampa Bay, lying south of and adjacent to Lot 1, Block S, Bahama Beach Replat in Section 7, Township 32 South, Range 17 East, containing 1.10 acres, more or less, in Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the St. Petersburg Times on December 19, 26, 1952, January 2, 9 and 16, 1953, with sale to be held January 20, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on the date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

ALSO:

On November 26, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 an acre from Jack R. Bissell, on behalf of Kew Realty Company, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land the description of which begins at a point where the north line of Section 26, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, intersects the east shore line of Little Sarasota Bay, containing 5.48 acres, more or less, in Sarasota County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on December 19 and 26, 1952, January 2, 9 and 16, 1953, with sale to be held on January 20, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

ALSO:

On November 26, 1952 the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Frank B. Proctor for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Halifax River, lying west of and adjacent to the southerly 70 feet of the northerly 90 feet of Lot 18-B, Subdivision of Ormond

Beach, in Section 14, Township 14 South, Range 32 East, containing 0.37 of an acre, more or less, in Volusia County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the bid subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the DeLand Sun-News on December 19, 26, 1952, January 2, 9 and 16, 1953, with sale to be held January 20, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on the date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

ALSO:

On December 9, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from R. Lee Freeman, on behalf of U. R. Parker, for purchase of submerged and semi-submerged land lying in the Indian River easterly of and across Riverside Drive from Lot 11, Block 2 of Barr's Subdivision, being in the Pickett Grant, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, containing 0.92 of an acre, more or less, in Volusia County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the DeLand Sun-News on December 22, 29, 1952, January 5, 12 and 19, 1953, with sale to be held January 20, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

ALSO:

On December 2, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$700.00 an acre from John T. Pickett, on behalf of I. M. Lair, for purchase of a parcel of sovereignty land abutting on Lot 12-A, Supplemental Plat of Fractional Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, containing 0.064 of an acre in Palm Beach County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on December 19, 26, 1952, January 2, 9 and 16, 1953, with sale to be held January 20, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on the date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

ALSO:

On November 26, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Paul E. Sawyer for purchase of 2 parcels of submerged land lying in Tom's Harbor, northwesterly of and adjacent to Duck Key in Sections 16, 20 and 21, Township 66 South, Range 30 East, containing 44 acres, more or less, in Monroe County, Florida. The Trustees accepted the offer subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on December 19, 26, 1952, January 2, 9 and 16, 1953, with sale to be held January 20, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on the date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

ALSO:

On November 26, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from W. A. Parrish, on behalf of A. E. Woodburn and wife, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boot Key Harbor, south of and adjacent to Government Lot 2, Section 2, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Key Vaca, containing 3.6 acres in Monroe County. The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on December 19, 26, 1952, January 2, 9 and 16, 1953, with sale to be held on date advertised. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on the date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of each of the respective parties named in the foregoing sales as reported by Mr. Wells.

Mr. Wells reported that on November 26, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from D. F. Earnhardt, on behalf of himself and Mrs. W. C. Earnhardt, for purchase of two tracts of submerged land in the Halifax River, comprising a total of 12.4 acres, more or less, in Township 16 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the DeLand Sun-News on December 19, 26, 1952, January 2, 9 and 16, 1953, with sale to be held January 20, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on the date advertised, and objections were filed by the City of Port Orange and private owners in the area. Hearing was requested by parties protesting.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that action on the sale be postponed and a date for the hearing be fixed for a later meeting.

Mr. Wells reported that January 20, 1953, was the date fixed for hearing objections to sale of eleven (11) acres of submerged land in Halifax River lying between 11th and 12th Streets, Holly Hill, Volusia County, Florida. The land was advertised for sale on December 2, 1952, but objections were filed and this date set for hearing interested parties. Mr. Louis Ossinsky, on behalf of clients, and Mr. H. D. Riegler, on behalf of the City of Holly Hill, were present protesting the sale, and Mr. Sam Holch was present, representing the applicants. The hearing was held the date set, the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Agriculture being the only members present. All

parties were given opportunity to be heard, after which the Attorney General suggested that applicants bring suit in the Courts to quiet title and bring all interested parties into the suit. If ownership can be established, the matter can again be presented to the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the suggestion of the Attorney General be approved as the action of the board.

Mr. Ira W. Hall of Fernandina Beach, Florida, submitted an offer of \$10.00 an acre for Fractional Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 23 East, Nassau County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to have the land advertised for competitive bids starting at \$10.00 an acre.

Mr. Louis Wayman Wallace, on behalf of Madeira Marine, Inc., submitted application for a three or four year lease to dredge oyster shell in the waters of Long Bayou in Pinellas County, south of Seminole Dam and north of Seminole Bridge, in Section 35, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, and in Section 2, Township 31 South, Range 15 East. Applicants offer ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard for all shell removed, with minimum payment of \$15.00 per month.

At the request of Governor McCarty, action on the application was deferred and Mr. Wells was requested to secure information from the Road Department and from other sources as to the prices being paid for shell.

Mr. Wells presented the following applications for the purchase of submerged land adjacent to upland property of each applicant and recommended that the said parcels be advertised for objections only based on the prices designated:

MONROE COUNTY

Mr. Hugh DuVal, on behalf of Valhalla Yacht Service, Inc., offers \$150.00 an acre for 11.4 acres of submerged land adjacent to upland property in Section 35, Township 65 South, Range 33 East;

MONROE COUNTY

Mr. Raymond R. Lord, on behalf of Emma M. Thompson, John W. Thompson and Marie Joan Knight, offers \$150.00 an acre for 20 acres of bay bottoms adjacent to their upland property on Key Vaca, Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East;

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Mr. Arthur M. Larrimore and wife desire to purchase 0.13 of an acre of sovereignty land adjacent to their upland property described as Lot A-59 of Supplemental Plat of Fractional Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East—\$700 an acre recommended price:

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Mr. R. S. Erskin, on behalf of M. B. Frank, offers \$500.00 an acre for 2.94 acres of submerged land in Section 23, Township 44 South, Range 43 East. Mr. Frank owns the upland fronting the property but across State Road A-1-A;

MANATEE COUNTY

Mr. Ben Fuqua, on behalf of J. E. Holmes, Sr., offers \$150.00 an acre for approximately 40 acres of submerged land adjacent to his property in Sections 17, 20 and 21, Township 34 South, Range 16 East;

VOLUSIA COUNTY

Mr. Paul Fillo, on behalf of himself, Mrs. Annie L. Roberts and Walter C. Hester, offers \$100.00 an acre for 3.32 acres, more or less, of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 52, Township 17 South, Range 34 East;

PINELLAS COUNTY

Mr. Leo M. Butler of Clearwater, Florida, on behalf of J. O. Bryan, offers \$150.00 an acre for 16.94 acres of submerged land in Section 12, Township 30 South, Range 14 East;

PINELLAS COUNTY

Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Boyd T. Aydelott, offers \$150.00 an acre for 4.32 acres of submerged land in Indian Rocks South Shore Subdivision, Block 6, Section 24, Township 30 South, Range 13 East, and in Section 19, Township 30 South, Range 14 East;

PINELLAS COUNTY

Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of William F. Bryars, offers \$150.00 an acre for 3.68 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Indian Rocks South Shore Subdivision, Block 6, Section 24, Township 30 South, Range 13 East, and in Section 19, Township 30 South, Range 14 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the recommendation of Mr. Wells and agree to have the nine (9) foregoing described parcels advertised for objections only, based on offers submitted, with special notice to be sent to city and county authorities.

Mr. Frank Evans, on behalf of the County of Sarasota, requested conveyance to the county of 2.26 acres of submerged land adjacent to Casey Key Road, Section 15, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, to be used for public purposes only.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of Sarasota County and convey the parcel applied for, with restriction in the deed that title shall revert to the Trustees in the event the land is not used for public purposes.

The Probus Club submitted application for one (1) year renewal of Fishing Campsite Lease No. 236 which expired December 31, 1952. The parcel is described as 1 acre of submerged land located on Shoal #5 as shown by survey in Biscayne Bay made by W. T. Wallis, Jr., in 1925. Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorized renewal of Lease No. 236 for a period of one (1) year, with annual rental of \$50.00.

Mr. J. S. Deese of Fort White, Florida, offers \$7.50 an acre for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, Township 8 South, Range 16 East, containing 39.89 acres, more or less, in Gilchrist County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bids provided Mr. Deese will agree to bid not less than \$15.00 an acre on date of sale.

Mr. Wells reported that on May 6, 1952, the Trustees accepted a bid of \$21.25 an acre from B. M. Shotkin for the E $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 39 South, Range 37 East, containing 520.57 acres in Martin County, Florida. Mr. Shotkin has had ample opportunity to consummate the sale, but has failed to do so. It is now recommended that the Trustees cancel the sale in favor of Mr. Shotkin and approve sale of the land described in favor of James A. Dew, West Palm Beach, Florida, who has agreed to pay \$21.25 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the Land Agent to cancel the sale to Mr. Shotkin, and upon completion of that transaction that the offer of \$21.25 an acre from Mr. Dew be accepted and sale confirmed in his favor.

Mr. Frank D. Upchurch of St. Augustine, Florida, representing Mr. Walter B. Fraser, requests assignment of Mineral Lease No. 844 to Charles R. Rudolph of Washington, D. C., the assignee to take over all of the obligations of original lease in favor of Mr. Fraser and carry out all of its terms and conditions.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize assignment of Lease No. 844 from Walter B. Fraser to Charles R. Rudolph.

Mr. John C. Ferris, City Manager of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, makes application on behalf of the city for deed covering those parcels of submerged and semi-submerged land lying in Indian River North, which are the easterly extensions of the right of way for Sixth,

Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Streets in the City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, being in Section 49, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County, containing 5.43 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to convey to the City of New Smyrna Beach without cost the parcels described, subject to advertisement for objections only as required by law, deed to include restriction that the parcels be used for public purposes only.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the California Company for permission to conduct seismograph work off the Florida Coast, the approximate location of which is Township 52 South, Range 25 East, about two miles offshore in the area west of Collier City, southwest of Marco and northwest of Caxambas. It was explained that this area is covered by Lease No. 826-A from the State to Gulf Oil Corporation and the California Company has authority from Gulf Corporation to do this work.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant permission to The California Company for doing exploration work in the area described, in so far as the Trustees are concerned.

Mr. Elliot presented the following report in reference to bay bottom lands in Boca Ciega Bay, Pinellas County, which have been involved in a proposed purchase by San Diego Island, Inc., R. E. Millican and Estate of Wm. H. Hill over a period of about six (6) years

January 12, 1953

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund
of the State of Florida
Capitol Building
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Sirs:

The following has reference to bay bottom lands in Boca Ciega Bay, Pinellas County, Florida:

In 1937 San Diego Island, Inc., R. E. Millican and Estate of Wm. H. Hill, deceased, made application to the District Engineer of the War Department for the issuance of a permit authorizing the dredging of fill material and the making of fill therefrom affecting certain bay bottom lands in Boca Ciega Bay, Pinellas County, Florida.

The Trustees entered protest to the granting of permit on the ground that applicants had not made arrangements with the Trustees for the acquisition of the land to be filled or the procuring fill material. Issuance of permit was withheld.

January, 27, 1953

On February 5, 1938, agreement was entered into between the Trustees and the above through Mr. J. Velma Keen of Tallahassee, their attorney, for the acquisition of certain tidal mangrove and submerged lands in Boca Ciega Bay lying bayward of upland owned by them, affected by their application for War Department permit.

Under the agreement the applicants were to purchase the land in question from the Trustees at the agreed rate of \$200.00 per acre for approximately 193 acres. Also, under the agreement, applicants were to then deposit with the Trustees 5% of the total purchase price estimated to be \$38,600.00, equal to \$1,930.00, as faith money or binder guaranteeing the carrying out of the terms of the agreement on their part. The \$1,930.00 was to be included in the down payment of one-fourth purchase price. The Trustees agreed that upon deposit with them of \$1,930.00 the said Trustees would withdraw their protest to the issuance of War Department Permit. Applicants also agreed to promptly have survey made and furnish the Trustees with plats and descriptions of the bottom lands to be acquired by them.

Upon withdrawal of protest by the Trustees, the War Department issued permit for the proposed work. The Engineer for the Trustees visited the area with representatives of the applicants and outlined what would be satisfactory in the matter of surveys, plats, and land descriptions. It was estimated that thirty days would suffice for completing the same and that transactions leading to conveyance to applicants by Trustees would follow promptly.

Delays followed. Attention of applicants was repeatedly called to the need for completing their part of the agreement. Month after month and year after year, nothing but excuses resulted. Finally, in 1951, the Trustees took action cancelling all prior agreements and authorizing refund of \$1,930.00 deposited with the Trustees under the 1938 agreement. Two or three days later, before refund was made, one of the interested parties visited the office of the Trustees in another matter and he was informed of the action taken. He requested that he be given a few days in which he felt sure the whole matter could be straightened out. He was accorded a few days. A few days ran into weeks and months. Though they have been repeatedly urged by Trustees to complete their part of the agreement, nothing has been done by applicants to the present time. I see no chance of the 1938 agreement being carried out by them; they have no intention of so doing.

Applicants have already received far more value than the faith money deposited with Trustees through having bulk-headed, filled and taken material for fill than is represented by \$1,930.00. It is unlikely that the Trustees have recourse for payment of the property taken in view of Chapter 8537,

Acts of 1921, now Section 271.01 F. S., known as the Riparian Rights Act.

I recommend as follows:

That applicants be advised that they have failed to carry out their part of the agreement of February 1938.

That there appears no prospect that the agreement on their part will be carried out and that for failure thereof the said agreement is cancelled and the faith money or binder in the amount of \$1,930.00 deposited with said Trustees is forfeited.

Respectfully,

F. C. ELLIOT
Engineer and Secretary

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Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the report of Mr. Elliot and authorize cancellation of the agreement, with notice to applicants that said agreements have been cancelled and the faith money, or binder, in the amount of \$1,930.00 deposited with the Trustees is forfeited.

Mr. Elliot presented, as information only, letters and resolutions from the Boards of County Commissioners of Orange and Lake Counties and from the Orange County Farm Bureau, expressing appreciation for the assistance rendered that section in connection with repairs to Apopka-Beauclair dam structure.

The resolutions and letters were ordered filed.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Elliot to use Mr. R. H. Jones, the new County Surveyor of Orange County, for additional work necessary in connection with accurate location of the lakeward lines of Lake Conway, cost not to exceed \$100.00. It was so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Mr. L. S. Caldwell, President of Clearwater Beach Association, making reference to objectionable features arising out of promiscuous dredging of the bottoms, and the bulkheading and filling in of Clearwater Harbor occasioned by lack of control over that done, and the undesirable results of the same. Mr. Elliot stated that there were like situations on both the Gulf and Atlantic coasts and that he believed a plan could be developed by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund through which controls could be effected in the conveyance of submerged bottoms still held by the Trustees; that he has prepared a plan of procedure to be followed, leading up to conveyances by the Trustees of submerged bottoms, and recommends such procedure, and that the sale of submerged bottoms be conditioned upon applicant's compliance with the same.

Mr. Elliot was requested to read his suggestions, which are as follows:

**INFORMATION TO APPLICANT FOR PURCHASE OF
SUBMERGED LAND**

HELD BY THE TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

When application is made the applicant should furnish the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund with the following:

1. Map or plat showing the submerged bottoms for which application to purchase is made. If contiguous to upland, either mainland or island, show the shore line of the same at ordinary high water mark where it adjoins the submerged bottoms for which application is made, and on each side for a distance of 500 feet if the shore line is substantially regular and free from deep indentations or projections or pronounced changes in directions. If the shore line contains deep indentations or projections or pronounced changes in direction, show the same each side for such additional distance as may be necessary to determine the relation of shore line to side lines of the submerged bottoms sought to be acquired.
2. Show the depths at mean low water over the bottoms applied for, those adjacent, and the location of nearby channels, if any. This information may be found from recent U. S. Coast Charts. Also any right-of-way and maintenance spoil areas held by the United States and any bulkhead lines established by a governmental agency.
3. Show the property side-lines to the water on the upland each side of the upland which adjoins the bottoms applied for, and also the property lines of any submerged bottoms adjoining. This information may be procured from the public records of the county in which the land is located.
4. A plat or drawing showing what is proposed to be done to or with the submerged bottoms, the plan of the part to be filled and the area to be dredged.
5. If the submerged bottoms applied for do not border upon upland, show the location, approximate area, and their position in relation to the nearest shore, or if in a bay, sound or river, to both shores of the same. Show that described under "2" and "4" and the location of any adjoining bottoms shown by the public records of the county to be privately owned.
6. Do not include in the application submerged bottoms in front of or running equitably with upland owned by another. Plan the proposed improvement with a view toward avoiding serious or undesirable obstruction to or change of direction in the flow of water, danger of erosion to property

of others, shoaling of channels, stagnant pockets, inconvenience of access to property of another, and other undesirable situations which might result. The Trustees will examine the information furnished by applicant and procure such other as may be necessary for determining whether or not the plans of applicant are satisfactory for disposing of situations referred to above, and if in their judgment such plans are insufficient therefor, suggestions will be made for such changes or modifications as seem advisable.

7. After arrangements have been completed by the applicant with Trustees for acquiring the submerged bottoms, an accurate description of the area satisfactory for deed should then be furnished. The starting point in the description should be an established section or quarter section corner, a meander corner or other established government survey corner. The boundaries of the area should be shown by courses with distance and bearing of each course.

Three copies of the information described above should be submitted with the application to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, Capitol Building, Tallahassee, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and carried, that the Trustees adopt the foregoing procedure recommended by Mr. Elliot as the policy of the board, to be followed in future applications for purchase of submerged areas.

Mr. Elliot reported that during the last few days of the last administration, informal action was taken by four members of the Trustees authorizing conveyance to the Trustees under Chapter 610 of certain Okaloosa County land that came to the State under Chapter 18296. Owing to unusual circumstances in connection with application and sale of the land by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Lt. Commander John Gray of Pensacola was not permitted to file an application or to bid on the land at the sale held November 3, 1952, Report No. 101; that owing to the bids received (\$2,849.25 for 553 lots) being less than recent sales in the same area, the Trustees on December 2, 1952 declined said bids and fixed a base bid of \$3,420.00 for the lots, plus Clerk's costs. Subsequent to this action by the Trustees Commander Gray attempted to file another bid but was not allowed to do so.

Motion was made by Comptroller Gay, seconded by Attorney General Ervin, and adopted, that the Trustees confirm action taken by four members informally January 2, 1953, approving transfer of title from the State under Chapter 18296, to Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund under Chapter 610, covering 553 lots in the Townsite of Port Dixie, Okaloosa County, as reported by the Clerk on Report No. 101, sale of November 3, 1952.

Mr. Elliot reported that Commander Gray now offers the Trustees \$3500.00 for the land with sale to be held in Tallahassee.

Motion was made by Comptroller Gay, seconded by Attorney General Ervin and adopted, that based on offer from Mr. Gray the Trustees advertise for sale, subject to competitive bidding, the 553 lots owned by the Trustees in the Townsite of Port Dixie, located in Section 5, Township 2 South, Range 23 West, Okaloosa County, with sale to be held in the Board Room at Tallahassee, all interested parties to be notified of the sale date.

Mr. John T. Wigginton, on behalf of Commonwealth Oil Company, came before the Trustees with request that said company be allowed to substitute a drilling site outside of Everglades National Park area for the site covered by Resolution adopted by the Trustees August 19, 1952, within the park boundaries. A map was displayed showing the location of a tier of sections, adjacent to and within one (1) mile of the north boundary of the park, in one of which sections the drilling site will be located. The sections are described as Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, Township 54 South, Range 35 East, Dade County.

Governor McCarty stated that he was not willing to see any drilling for oil within the park area but he could see no objection to substitution of the drilling site as requested by Mr. Wigginton.

Attorney General Ervin stated that he would be willing to vote for the substitution of drilling locations but would not be in favor of extension of time for commencing drilling operations; that as one member he has decided that there should be no more drilling in the Park; that the agreement in August 1952 to allow drilling if the Federal Government would give its consent was as far as he thought the Trustees should go.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and carried, that the Trustees adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, by Resolution adopted August 19, 1952, granted the Commonwealth Oil Company, a Florida corporation, the conditional privilege of exploring the area described as follows:

The South Half of Township 54 South, Range 35 East, less the South Half of Section 24 and the South Half of Section 26 and the South Half of Section 36; the East Half of Township 55 South, Range 35 East and the West Half of Township 55 South, Range 36 East,

the conditions being (a) that the Federal Government consent, and (b) that a well be drilled to a depth of 10,500 feet within nine months of the date of the Resolution on such lands, and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service has objected to the drilling of a well within the Park area, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the area just north of and within one mile of the Park, on lands in which the State retains an interest, is a likely site for drilling and Commonwealth Oil Company is willing to drill such last mentioned location if the

Trustees will substitute such site for the site required by the aforesaid Resolution, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the drilling of the site just north of the Park would afford valuable information and should be substituted for the site within the Park as required by the Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in regular meeting assembled:

That the drilling by Commonwealth of a site just north and within one mile of the Everglades National Park boundary, be, and the same is in all respects accepted in substitution for the drilling of the site within the park area as required by the Resolution of August 19, 1952.

Mr. Wigginton also asked adoption of a second resolution providing for six (6) months extension in the time for drilling in order that Commonwealth Oil Company may use one of the two large rigs they now have in Florida. Neither of the rigs will have finished the work they are now on in time to move onto the Dade County location before the expiration of the nine (9) months allowed by resolution of August 19, 1952; that if they do not get the extension in time, it will be necessary to have a rig from out of the State move in at an additional cost of approximately \$70,000.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo and seconded by Mr. Gay that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, by Resolution dated August 19, 1952, as one of the conditions of the privilege granted by the Resolution, required the drilling of the first well referred to therein within nine months of the date thereof, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the necessary geophysical work and drilling on the lands described in the aforesaid Resolution has been delayed by causes not chargeable to the Commonwealth Oil Company, and

WHEREAS, another site has now been agreed upon by the Trustees and Commonwealth in substitution for the site required by the Resolution, and

WHEREAS, it appears that, to meet the time limit for drilling as fixed by the aforesaid Resolution, it will be necessary for Commonwealth to secure a well rig from without the State at great expense, but that, if such time limit be extended six months, a rig now drilling in the State will have completed its work there and can be moved to the new site agreed upon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in regular session assembled:

That the time for the drilling of the first well required by the Resolution of the Trustees dated August 19, 1952 be, and the same is hereby extended a period of six months.

Motion was put on adoption of the resolution and the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Governor McCarty, Mr. Gay and Mr. Mayo;

Nays: Attorney General Ervin.

The motion was adopted.

Mr. J. R. Skipper, who holds Homestead Entry No. 10-TIIF dated September 4, 1951, covering NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 38 South, Range 30 East, containing 40 acres in Highlands County, requests that the Trustees allow him to purchase the tract and made an offer of \$18.00 an acre. This price is in line with sale recently made to another veteran in the same locality.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Skipper at the price of \$18.00 an acre. Check in amount of \$180.00 has been deposited with the Trustees as cash payment on the purchase.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be paid, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	\$ 775.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	475.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	406.66
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant	290.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	306.66
J. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	361.66
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	246.66
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	175.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	25.00
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To Principal of State School Fund	17,535.14
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State Board of Conservation	2,044.40
C. M. Gay, Comptroller—For travel voucher by W. R. Culbreath	15.50
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla.—For expenses re Mortgage No. 17681	4.10
Sinclair Wells—Expenses as Land Agent	17.75
John T. Pickett, Pahokee, Fla. Payment on Project No. 4	729.00
Ernest Overstreet, Tax Col. Dade County	287.40
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer 553 lots of Murphy Act land in Okaloosa County conveyed under Chapter 21684	3,420.00

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer 46.88 acres of Murphy Act land in Monroe County	586.00
Jack Culpepper, Tallahassee, Fla. Work on elevator shaft	2,789.51
Work on wells on Capitol grounds	6,400.80
Cawthon Electric Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Work on Capitol building—Re-wiring	14,720.25
Deeb Bldrs., Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. Work on Air Conditioning	13,559.44
Bryce Elevator Co., Jacksonville, Fla. Work on elevator	817.62
J. O. Carlile, Tallahassee, Fla. Work on Capitol building	48,683.47
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	171.65
J. Alex Arnette, CCC Palm Beach County Recording fees	4.45
Earl R. Adams, CCC Monroe County Recording fee	1.35
The Key West Citizen, Key West, Fla. Advertising land sale	5.60
W. C. Baggett, CCC St. Lucie County For photostat	1.00
Fisher & Sauls, St. Petersburg, Fla. For legal services in case Trustees I. I.	
Fund vs. A. O. Henderson	25.00
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. ...	9.59
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla. ...	22.70
Shell Oil Co., New Orleans, La	13.54
Standard Oil Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	39.55
Railway Express Agency, Inc.	1.86
Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	29.60
Earl R. Adams, CCC Monroe County Recording fee	1.35
The Times Publishing Co., St. Petersburg, Fla. For advertising land sale	29.27
Clearwater Sun, Inc—For legal notice	40.53
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Inc., Jacksonville, Fla.—Tires for Plymouth	75.04
TOTAL	\$115,194.10

Financial statements for the month of December, 1952, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of December 1, 1952	\$229,350.30
Receipts for the month:	
Land Sales	\$36,459.47
Interest on Contract	6.34
100 Interest Coupons from U. S. Treasury	
Bonds at \$125.00 each	12,500.00

Sales of Fill Material	660.00
Quitclaim Deeds	20.00
Pipe Line R/W	100.00
Certified Copy Trustees Minutes ..	6.00
Miscellaneous Leases	475.00
Timber Leases	240.20
Grazing Leases	115.00
Oil & Gas Leases	35,662.92
Sand, Shell & Gravel Leases	6,281.78
Mineral Leases	305.24
Total Receipts for the Month	\$92,831.95
GRAND TOTAL	\$322,182.25
Less Disbursements for the Month	124,880.24
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1952	\$197,302.01

DISBURSEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1952

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
12-3-52	137023	Ft. Lauderdale Daily News	\$ 41.20
	137024	Bradenton Herald Co.	22.17
	137025	Capital Office Equipment Co.	1.30
	137026	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	4.25
	137027	Shell Oil Co.	17.98
	137028	Earl R. Adams, CCC	1.70
	137029	Jess Mathas, CCC	1.35
	137030	Ivey Motors, Inc.	4.71
	137031	Simmons & Weeks	656.97
12-4-52	137588	W. R. Culbreath	31.70
	137589	F. C. Elliot	22.50
	137590	A. R. Williams	23.85
	137591	Westinghouse Elec. Co.	390.80
	137592	General Electric Corp.	779.58
	137593	Good Luck Electric Service	8.00
12-8-52	141553	J. O. Carlisle	51,144.66
12-9-52	143260	Cawthon Elec. Co.	4,380.30
12-10-52	144748	R. E. & Verdie N. Kestner	14,300.00
12-11-52	146685	Sinclair Wells	40.87
12-12-52	148522	W. R. Culbreath	5.25
	148523	Southeastern Telephone Co.	31.95
	148524	Western Union Telegraph Co.	2.55
	148525	Capital Equipment Co.	2.80
	148526	Shell Oil Co.	20.86
	148527	The Key West Citizen	18.00
	148528	Orlando Sentinel-Star	15.61
	148529	News-Journal Corp	23.00
	148530	Earnest Overstreet, Tax Collector ..	6.08
12-16-52	151486	Earnest Overstreet, Tax Collector ..	1,057.90
12-17-52	152787	S. T. for purchase of Murphy Act Land	3,241.00
	152788	S.T. for transfer to School Fund ..	11,700.03
	152789	S.T. for transfer to State Board of Conservation	4,981.83

12-18-52	154741	J. Edwin White, as Agent for Hardy Fryer, Charlie Henshaw and Ruth Williams	9,949.80
	154742	Deeb Builders, Inc.	12,942.08
	155027	General Electric Corp.	4,731.05
	155028	Modern Air Conditioners	996.55
12-29-52	159809	Sinclair Wells	168.37
12-31-52	154247	F. C. Elliot	622.25
	154248	A. R. Williams	384.35
	154249	A. C. Bridges	311.26
	154250	J. B. Linn	266.50
	154251	M. O. Barco	218.03
	154252	Jentye Dedge	308.66
	154253	B. G. Shelfer	189.55
	154254	Sinclair Wells	166.25
	154255	C. M. Greene	47.50
	154256	R. N. Landers	23.75
	154257	Blue Cross of Florida	24.40
	154258	Southern States Life Insurance Co.	17.55
	154259	5% Retirement Fund	137.49
	154260	Withholding Tax	394.10
		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1952	124,880.24

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of December 1, 1952	\$250.00
Receipts	- 0 -
Disbursements	- 0 -
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1952	\$250.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

December 2, 1952	\$3,264.71
December 16, 1952	4,534.65

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1952 \$7,799.36
Disbursements from General Revenue:

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
12-31-52	154014	Ernest Hewitt	\$315.33
	154015	M. C. Pichard	220.06
	154016	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	7.75
	154017	5% Retirement Fund	18.58
	154018	Withholding Tax	56.60

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF
DECEMBER, 1952** \$618.32

SUBJECT UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Bay	12-15-52	10
Bay	1- 12-53	18
Citrus	12-29-52	2
Citrus	1- 12-53	1
Columbia	1- 2-53	1
Franklin	1- 12-53	7
Hamilton	1- 5- 53	1
Hardee	5- 12-52	4
Hardee	7- 7-52	1
Hernando	11-18-52	1
Indian River	12-29-52	2
Jefferson	12- 8-52	7
Lake	12- 8-52	9
Pasco	1- 5- 53	7
Pinellas	12-10-52	2
Polk	10-31-52	1
Putnam	12- 6-52	1
Seminole	12-29-52	5
Volusia	11-3- 52	7
Volusia	12-1- 52	18
Washington	12- 1-52	1

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest filed under the rules.

Three applications were presented for issuance of deeds to correct errors in original deeds conveying land in Alachua, Dade and Indian River Counties. The corrections have been approved by the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds as approved by the Attorney General:

Alachua County Deed No. 1929-Cor. to J. B. Goodson Dade
County Deed No. 3586-EDDJ-Cor. to Richard Hansen
and R. Lloyd Hansen
Indian River County Deed No. 922-Cor. to H. L. Lamb

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the following quitclaim deeds be issued for releasing state road right of way reservations in original deeds, the State Road Department having approved such releases:

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 726 to Harry D.
Batalias

Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 1658 to Harry D. Batalias
 Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2101 to Charles E. Ellis & wife
 Pt. Martin County Q.C. Deed No. 182 to H. W. Tressler
 Palm Beach Co. Q.C. Deed No. 643 to Anne Goodmark
 Pt. Pinellas Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2510 to Albert L. Rogero
 Seminole Co. Q.C. Deed No. 944 to Eugene B. Hitchcock & wife

Request was presented from the State Road Department for drainage ditch easement through land in Citrus County, and right of way easement through land in Duval County, said parcels to be used in connection with state roads in the respective counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of the State Road Department and issue easements across the following described land:

CITRUS COUNTY: State Road No. S-495 - Sec. 0256 - SRD #4 Drainage Ditch - That part of Lots 32 and 39, Block "A", Brewer Addition to Town of Crystal River, lying each side of and within 25 feet of a ditch centerline, being in Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 17 East, and containing 0.16 of an acre;

DUVAL COUNTY: State Road No. 10 - Sec. 7201 - 109 - SRD #85 Right of Way - That part of Lot "B", Block 2 of Pecan Grove S/D of the Town of Baldwin, Florida, being a Strip of land across the north end of Lot B, in Section 26, Township 2 South, Range 23 East, containing 402 square feet, more or less.

Mr. Elliot reported that on December 2, 1952, Commonwealth Oil Company applied for an oil, gas and mineral lease covering the reserved interest of the State in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 60 South, Range 40 East, containing 80 acres in Monroe County. The Trustees agreed to advertise the lease for competitive sealed bids, requiring royalty payments of not less than one-eighth in kind or in value of gas and oil and the customary royalty at the time of production of phosphate and other minerals, and the amount of one dollar (\$1.00) per acre annual rental increasing 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years; lease to be for a primary term of 10 years, and bidding for said lease to be on the cash consideration therefor.

The lease was advertised in the Key West Citizen and in the Tallahassee Democrat on December 12, 19, 26, 1952, January 2 and 9, 1953, with bids to be received January 20, 1953.

A quorum of the Trustees was not present on the date advertised, but the sale was called out in the Board room and the only bid received was \$120.00 from Commonwealth Oil Company.

ALSO:

On December 9, 1952, The California Company, represented by Mr. Lawrence Truett of Tallahassee, applied to lease the reserved interest held by the Trustees in Lots 1 and 30, Block 4, Beland Farm Lot Subdivision No. 2, Section 4, Township 5 North, Range 26 West, containing 36.9 acres, and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, Township 5 North, Range 26 West, 10 acres, in Santa Rosa County. The Trustees agreed to advertise the lease for competitive sealed bids, requiring royalty payments of not less than one-eighth (1/8) in kind or in value and the amount of \$1.00 per acre annual rental increasing 5% of such original amount after the first two years; lease to be for a primary term of ten (10) years, with bidding to be on the cash consideration therefor. The lease was advertised in the Milton Gazette, Milton, Florida, and in the Tallahassee Democrat on December 19, 26, 1952, and January 2, 9 and 16, 1953.

The lease was called out on the date advertised and the only bid received was \$560.00 from The California Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the two bids reported by Mr. Elliot and authorize execution and delivery of leases in favor of Commonwealth Oil Company and The California Company.

Request was presented from Melvin E. Johnson for renewal of one year of Grazing Lease No. 3 covering 106 lots in Magnolia Park, Osceola County. Applicant offers \$10.10 for said renewal.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to extend the lease for one year at the price offered.

Application was presented from Gulf Power Company for right of way one hundred feet wide across a parcel of land in Washington County, described as 1 acre in the NW corner of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 12 West, through which the company desires to construct an electric transmission line.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize right of way easement to Gulf Power Company upon payment of \$13.15, which is at the rate of \$1.00 per rod.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Okaloosa, Polk and Sarasota Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vested no title in the State.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted,

that the following salaries be paid, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$371.66
M. C. Pichard, Secretary-Clerk	246.66
Total	\$618.32

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

DAN McCARTY
Governor - Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Engineer and Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

February 3, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Dan McCarty,	Governor
C. M. Gay,	Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin,	Attorney General
Nathan Mayo,	Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot,	Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells,	Land Agent

Mr. Wells reported that on December 16, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Mr. J. Velma Keen, on behalf of E. R. Smith, for the purchase of the N½ of SW¼ of SW¼ and the North 26.88 acres of Government Lot 2, in Section 18, Township 59 South, Range 41 East, containing a total of 46.88 acres, more or less, in Monroe County, Florida. The land was ordered advertised with a starting bid of \$150.00 an acre.

The land was called out and Mr. Wells stated that he now has an offer of \$7,100.00 from Mr. Joe Kelleher, on behalf of Key Largo Kelp Company. No other bid was received.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bid of \$7,100.00 from Key Largo Kelp Company for the land described.

On December 17, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$352.50 an acre from Mr. Howard E. Wilson and Mr. Claude A. Gandolfo for purchase of 2 acres, more or less, of Monroe County sovereignty land lying adjacent to Roosevelt Boulevard, the beginning point being at the intersection of the northwesterly right of way line of Roosevelt Boulevard and the northeasterly property line of the city's swimming pool.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on January 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Howard E. Wilson and Claude A. Gandolfo, the adjacent upland owners, at the price offered — \$352.50 an acre.

On December 2, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from John P. Goggin, on behalf of Fred Yoars, for purchase of 0.9 of an acre of sovereignty land on Big Pine Key, Section 25, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, Monroe County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on January 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Yoars at the price offered - \$200.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells reported that Mortgage No. 17681, dated July 1, 1926, delinquent for many years, is now being foreclosed. This mortgage involved the sale of 80.71 acres of land in Section 22, Township 40 South, Range 42 East, Martin County, at a price of \$100.00 an acre, or a total of \$8,071.00. \$2,017.75 was paid cash and three notes were given for \$2,017.75 each. No payments have been made on the notes. Several months ago an offer of \$1000.00 was made for assignment of the mortgage but was not accepted.

After a thorough checking of the mortgage and the potential value of the property, it was suggested to the Assistant Attorney General foreclosing the mortgage that he bid as high as \$4,000.00 for the State, and if anyone bid higher to let them have it.

Since that time an offer of \$4,000.00 has been received from Mr. Edward G. Newell, representing Mrs. Histed, widow of the original purchaser, Histed Holding Corporation, payment of \$2,000.00 to be made immediately and remainder as soon as the money can be raised.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mrs. Lena Bell Histed, conditioned upon payment of the full amount being made within six (6) months.

Request was presented from Bessemer Properties, Inc., holder of Lease No. 302, for extension of lease which expires February 27, 1953. The lease covers land located in Township 1 North, Range 1 West, and Township 2 North, Range 1 West, on Lake Jackson, Leon County, Florida. Applicant offers \$150.00 annual rental.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant one-year extension of Lease No. 302 in favor of Bessemer Properties, Inc., at the price offered.

Mr. Wells reported that on June 3, 1952, the Trustees offered for sale, subject to competitive bidding, a number of lots in Pompano Terrace, a subdivision in Sections 26 and 35, Township 48 South, Range 42 East, and land in Section 1, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, containing a total of 12 acres in Broward County, Florida. The highest bid of \$4700.00 was offered by Mr. B. M. Shotkin and accepted by the Trustees. Repeated attempts have been made to get Mr. Shotkin to make the required payments and consummate this sale, but without results. It is now recommended that the sale to Mr. Shotkin be cancelled.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees cancel sale of the land described, bid in by Mr. Shotkin June 3, 1952.

Mr. Wells stated that Mr. Joe Kelleher has made an offer of \$4700.00 for this land, which is the same price bid by Mr. Shotkin, and it is recommended that sale be made to Mr. Kelleher at that price.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Kelleher and confirm sale in his favor for the land in Broward County located in Sections 26 and 35, Township 48 South, Range 42 East, and in Section 1, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, containing 12 acres, more or less.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Coastal Petroleum Company in which statement is made that as a result of a joint agreement between Coastal Petroleum Company, Commonwealth Oil Company and Sinclair Oil and Gas Company for the drilling of an oil well in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 59 South, Range 40 East, Dade County, that Sinclair Oil and Gas Company has spudded in this well and as a consideration for this drilling, Coastal has agreed to assign to Sinclair a fifty percent (50%) undivided interest in State Lease No. 364, and a twenty-five percent (25%) undivided interest in State Lease No. 364 to Commonwealth Oil Company.

Lease No. 364 covers a total of 122,880 acres, of which Coastal has previously assigned to Gulf Oil Corporation 7,040 acres of described land, leaving unassigned at this date 115,840 acres of which one-half (1/2) undivided interest will be assigned to Sinclair Oil and Gas Company and one-fourth (1/4) undivided interest will be assigned to Commonwealth Oil Company.

It is a condition of State Lease No. 364 that before undivided interest thereof may be assigned, the approval of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund must first be secured.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve out of the unassigned 115,840 acres of Lease No. 364.

To Sinclair Oil and Gas Company a one-half undivided interest in Lease No. 364, and

To Commonwealth Oil Company a one-fourth undivided interest in Lease No. 364,

copy of said assignments to be filed with the Trustees when executed by Coastal.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of land under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
HAMILTON	1 -19-53	3
HILLSBOROUGH	1- 13-53	3
LAKE	1- 12-53	5
ST. JOHNS	12-15-52	22
SEMINOLE	11-24-52	9
SUMTER	1- 5 -53	1

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of the following correction and duplicate deeds, the Attorney General's office having approved such action:

Dade County Deed No. 2554-Cor. to Fred W. Vanderpool to correct error in description in original deed dated October 19, 1941; and

Hillsborough County Deed No. 3761-Duplicate to R. N. Draughon, original deed dated January 19, 1945 having been lost prior to recording.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following quitclaim deeds for releasing the State Road reservation reserved by the state in original deeds, the State Road Department having approved such releases:

Pt. Broward County Q.C. Deed No. 1062 to Peter G. Hyder

Broward County Q. C. Deed No. 2052-EDDJ to David Copans
 Pt. Broward County Q. C. Deed No. 2768-A to David Copans
 Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1076 to Wm. Pomerlan and wife
 Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1474 to Sigurd Olsen and wife
 Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 2593 to Clarence Wallace and wife
 Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 3056-EDDJ to T. L. Tatham and wife
 Pt. Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 697 to Michael Blum and wife
 Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 1241 to Sallie Peoples
 Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 1759 to Julian L. Hartley and Ester Hartley
 Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 1870 to Wm. V. Duff
 Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 3348 to Dorothy H. Duncan
 Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 3633 to Gladys G. Jones
 Hillsborough County Q. C. Deed No. 4457 to Malcolm Williams and wife
 Pt. Palm Beach County Q.C. Deed No. 1386 to B. J. Cline
 Palm Beach County Q.C. Deed No. 1429 to B. J. Cline
 Pinellas County Q.C. Deed No. 2351 to A & W Glads, Inc.
 Pt. Pinellas County Q.C. Deed No. 2053 to A & W Glads, Inc.
 Pt. Pinellas County Q.C. Deed No. 2805 to Stanley C. Dembowski and wife
 Pt. Pinellas County Q.C. Deed No. 3073 to D. R. Caruthers
 Pt. Pinellas County Q.C. Deed No. 3073 to Sheldon P. Krieger and wife
 Pt. Pinellas County Q. C. Deed No. 3073 to John M. Cowperthwaite and wife
 Polk County Q.C. Deed No. 740 to M. J. Lee
 Pt. Volusia County Q.C. Deed No. 2052 to James O. Bohannon and wife
 Volusia County Q. C. Deed No. 1498 to Carrie D. Walker
 Pt. Volusia County Q.C. Deed No. 1859 to Nora Lea Hines

Mr. Elliot presented request from heirs of J. R. Cooksey, Jr., for the purchase of E½ of SW¼ and S½ of SE¼ of Section 4, Township 1 North, Range 4 East, 160 acres in Jefferson County. Applicants offer \$160.00 as bid for advertising the land at special sale. It was explained that this land was certified to the State under Chapter 18296 - the Murphy Act - but the Clerk of the Circuit Court in 1943 allowed the heirs of former owner to redeem the land from tax sale certificates except the two by which title vested in the State and pay up all taxes due on the land, resulting in all taxes being paid up to 1952. Mr. Cooksey purchased from the former owner. This land was also on the assessment roll as homestead exempt from 1935 through 1938.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted that the Trustees agree to accept as base bid for advertising the land at special sale \$160.00, applicants having agreed that as a part of the consideration for purchase of the land they will never make applica-

tion for refund of taxes paid by them, or their parents, since title to said land first vested in the State under the Murphy Act.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act tax certificates covering land in Brevard, Citrus, Franklin, Hernando and Okaloosa Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vested no title in the State.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

DAN McCARTY
Governor - Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

February 17, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present:	Dan McCarty,	Governor
	C. M. Gay,	Comptroller
	J. Edwin Larson,	Treasurer
	Richard W. Ervin,	Attorney General
	Nathan Mayo,	Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot,	Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells,	Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated January 2, 27 and February 3, 1953, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Comptroller Gay, seconded by Treasurer Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Bernard M. Shotkin came before the Trustees with complaint as to the manner in which he was treated by the Land Department in connection with purchase by him of acreage in Broward County. He requested that the sale be re-opened and that he be allowed to complete the purchase. Mr. Shotkin's statements are substantially as follows: That he was high bidder at \$4700.00 in June 1952 for land in Broward County; that he purchased the land sight unseen and the advertisement did not properly describe the land; that the purchase contract was sent to him for signature and upon examining it he found that a considerable area was reserved as railroad right of way which he did not know was there and which was not mentioned in the adver-

tisement or at the sale; that he returned the contract to Mr. Wells and asked for adjustment of the price on account of the right of way; that he made several attempts to get the matter straightened out, sent many telegrams and made trips to the Land Office but could get no satisfaction out of that office; that Mr. Wells was very un-cooperative and finally in January 1953 gave him 10 days within which to pay for the land, the deadline being January 29, 1953; that he sent his check for \$4700.00 up here before the deadline expired.

Mr. Shotkin also accused Mr. Wells of not dealing fairly with him, of favoring other parties in land sale matters, and of taking the position of speaking for the Board.

Mr. Wells replied substantially as follows: That prior to sale of the Broward County land on June 3, 1952, Mr. Shotkin, as well as others interested in the land, examined plats showing the location of the railroad right of way through the land to be sold; that the assistant engineer went over the plat with Mr. Shotkin and the right of way was clearly shown on said plat; that Mr. Shotkin requested a clerk in the Field Note Division of the Agriculture Department to make a photostat of the plat mentioned and he, Mr. Shotkin, removed therefrom the right of way indicated on the plat; that Mr. Shotkin and others bidding on the land were fully aware that the sale would be made subject to the railroad right of way. The bid on this land was run up to \$4700.00 by Mr. Shotkin and the Trustees confirmed sale in his favor. The contract was prepared and forwarded to Mr. Shotkin with request that he sign the paper and return with his check for the first payment. The contract was returned unsigned without the check but with request for adjustment, on account of the right of way. During the next few months letters and telegrams were sent to Mr. Shotkin in an effort to get the transaction closed but without success. In January 1953, Mr. Shotkin was sent a notice that unless the check was received by the Land Office by January 29, 1953, it would be recommended to the Trustees that the sale to him be cancelled and the land made available for sale; that nothing further was heard from Mr. Shotkin by the date specified, and on February 3, 1953, Mr. Wells recommended that the sale to Mr. Shotkin be cancelled and offer of \$4700.00 from Mr. Joe Kelleher, who was second high bidder at the sale on June 3, 1952, be accepted for the land. Based on the recommendation, the sale to Mr. Shotkin was cancelled and the land sold to Mr. Kelleher at the price offered.

Subsequent to the action February 3, 1953, a letter with check inclosed was received from Mr. Shotkin on February 9, 1953, both the letter and the check being dated June 15, 1952.

Mr. Wells also related circumstances of another sale to Messrs. Shotkin and Garten involving Martin County land. Shotkin and Garten were high bidders at the sale. Mr. Shotkin failed to make payments required. Mr. Garten made payments due by him and later, after failure by Mr. Shotkin to make his payments, requested that he be allowed to take over the entire purchase. This sale was also cancelled and through unintentional oversight it was agreed to sell the property to a third party. This misunderstanding has since been explained and has been satisfactorily disposed of.

Governor McCarty explained to Mr. Shotkin that the Trustees must necessarily follow the recommendations of their assistants in many instances as they have knowledge of these subjects that the board members do not have, but he is sure that Mr. Wells does not presume to speak for the Board. The Board depends on Mr. Wells to submit the facts; he reported the sale had been held several months ago, was approved but no money had been paid; that his position would be, as a matter of policy, that when the transaction is made with the Trustees it assumes the same status as a transaction with any private individual, and certainly the matter cannot be delayed for an indefinite period. Mr. Wells submitted the facts and advised that Mr. Shotkin had been notified of the amount necessary to be paid; that he did not make the payment within the time allowed and the Trustees were then asked to cancel the sale and authorize sale to another party at the same price. The Trustees followed the recommendation of Mr. Wells and sale was authorized to another party.

The Governor stated that he feels Mr. Shotkin has had ample opportunity to be heard, and unless there is further discussion, he considers that the transaction has been completed and stands as it is; that the Trustees will always be glad to have Mr. Shotkin bid on any lands offered for sale, but that it would be advisable for him and anyone else bidding on land to be prepared to pay the amount required before leaving the building.

Further discussion was had and other members of the board asked questions with reference to statements heretofore made. Governor McCarty suggested that the Attorney General examine the complete file in the case and if he feels that it should be re-opened, the Trustees then determine what steps should be taken.

Attorney General Ervin stated that he would back Mr. Wells all the way in his being honest in all his dealings with the board, and there was no question in his mind on that point; that mistakes do happen sometimes and it might be well to withhold action at this time and review the case thoroughly by an examination of the complete file.

Discussion was had as to what the policy of the Trustees should be in the future with reference to making payment for land when bid in at sales.

Mr. Wells explained that the Land Office has always tried to work out payments with purchasers in a way that would not work a hardship on them; that he has not adhered strictly to a policy of requiring the down payment immediately after the sale, but usually notifies the buyer within a week or ten days of the amount necessary and they send it in; that this is the first case since he has been with the Trustees that complaint has been made and that he has given more time and furnished more information for Mr. Shotkin than for any other person appearing before the board.

Several suggestions were offered as to future procedure in making payment for land purchased from the State.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted,

that hereafter the purchaser be required to settle immediately with Mr. Wells and fix a date for payment, if price is estimated, and if not estimated that purchaser be required to leave with Mr. Wells check or money covering the required payment.

At the suggestion of the Governor, the Attorney General was requested to examine the file and report back to the Trustees his findings. It was so ordered.

Mr. Wells reported that there were a number of sales advertised to be held on this date and that lands to be bid on will be offered first.

Lt. Commander John Gray, U. S. N., offered \$3500.00 for 553 lots in Blocks 105 to 116, incl., and 123 to 130, incl., located in the Townsite of Port Dixie, in Section 5, Township 2 South, Range 23 West, Okaloosa County, Florida. The land was ordered advertised for competitive bids with sale to be held on this date.

Mr. Wells called the land out, starting with a bid of \$3500.00 from Commander Gray. Several parties competed in bidding, resulting in a high bid of \$5,500.00 being offered by Mr. Gray.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept offer of \$5,500.00 from Mr. Gray for the lots described.

On December 17, 1952, Mr. A. W. Furen offered \$15.00 an acre for Lots 1 and 2, Section 19, Township 46 South, Range 23 East, containing 79.88 acres, more or less, in Lee County, Florida.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting at \$15.00 an acre, and notice was published in the Fort Myers News-Press on January 16, 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 1953, with sale to be held this date.

The land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$75.00 an acre being offered by Mr. Furen.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$75.00 an acre from Mr. Furen and confirm sale in his favor.

On December 30, 1952, Mr. Ralph T. Ganary offered \$140.00 for all of Lot 4, Section 24, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, containing 13.97 acres, more or less, in Volusia County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids starting with \$140.00 for the lot, and notice was published in the DeLand News-Press on January 16, 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 1953, with sale to be held this date.

Mr. Wells called the land out and reported that he has received an offer of \$500.00 for the parcel from C. L. McKendree. The bid of \$500.00 was raised to \$600.00 by Charles Zemel.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Zemel and confirm sale in his favor at \$600.00 for the parcel.

On December 17, 1952, Mr. Howard E. Wilson offered \$50.00 an acre for Lots 12 and 13, Morningside Acres, a subdivision in Section 20, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, Monroe County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids starting with \$50.00 an acre, and notice was published in the Key West Citizen on January 16, 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 1953, with sale to be held on this date.

Mr. Wells called the land out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$61.00 being offered by Mr. Bernie C. Papy.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$61.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Papy.

On December 30, 1952, Mr. Thomas H. Horobin offered \$100.00 an acre for 318.6 acres in Greater Miami Heights, Sections 1 and 2, a subdivision in Section 5, Township 55 South, Range 39 East; also \$100.00 an acre for all of Forest Park, a subdivision in Section 4, Township 58 South, Range 38 East, containing 159 acres, more or less, and \$75.00 an acre for the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 20, Township 58 South, Range 39 East, containing 320 acres, more or less, all in Dade County, Florida.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids and notice was published in the Miami Herald on January 16, 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 1953, with sale to be held on this date.

Mr. Wells stated that bids would be received on the three tracts separately, and the descriptions were called out and bids taken in the order given.

Competitive bidding resulted in the following:

Parcel 1 - 318.6 acres, more or less, Greater Miami Heights; Mr. David R. Balough offered the high bid of \$151.00 an acre (deed to be made in the name of David R. Balough, Harry Stein and Joseph L. Cohen);

Parcel 2 - 159 acres, more or less, Forest Park S/D; Mr. Stanley Pred was high bidder with offer of \$151.00 an acre; and

Parcel 3 - 320 acres, more or less, in W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 20, Township 58 South, Range 39 East; the bid of \$75.00 an acre from Mr. Thomas H. Horobin was the highest offer received.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the highest bid for each of the above described parcels and confirm sale in favor of David R. Balough, Harry Stein and Joseph L. Cohen, for parcel No. 1, in favor of Stanley Pred for Parcel No. 2, and in favor of Thomas H. Horobin for Parcel No. 3. It was so ordered.

Mr. Wells reported that five sales to be held on this date were advertised on application of adjacent owners and are ready for consideration, no objections having been received:

1.

On December 30, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of T. T. McDaniel and wife, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land lying easterly of and adjacent to the south 200 feet of north 300 feet of Lot 6, Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, containing 1.28 acres in Volusia County, Florida.

The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the DeLand Sun-News on January 16, 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

2.

On December 17, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from W. R. Clements, on behalf of Crawford C. Shaeffer and wife, for purchase of a parcel of submerged and semi-submerged land in Indian River North lying easterly of and across Riverside Drive from Lot 4 F. Alvarez Grant, and Lots 38 and 39, Edgewater Highlands, Section 52, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, containing approximately 1.54 acres, more or less, in Volusia County, Florida.

The Trustees accepted the offer, subject to the land being advertised for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the DeLand News-Press on January 16, 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

3.

On December 30, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Charles A. Robinson, on behalf of Smith-Hudson, Inc., for purchase of Tract 1, comprising 4.97 acres, and Tract 2 comprising 0.78 of an acre, both parcels being located in Section 32, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, Pinellas County, Florida.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on January 16, 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

4.

On January 7, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from George R. Smoyer, Jr., for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Tampa Bay lying south of and adjacent to Lot 18 of William Brown's S/D (Bay View) in Section 17, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, Florida.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on January 16, 23, 30; February 6 and 13, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

5.

On December 17, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Joseph R. Sirugo, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Straits of Florida, adjacent to and south and west of Lots 1 to 6, incl., and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 7 of Block 59, Stock Island, lying and being in Section 34, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, containing 4.77 acres, more or less, in Monroe County, Florida.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on January 16, 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of each of the five (5) adjacent upland owners at the price offered by said applicants.

On December 30, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Al W. Furen, on behalf of John David Fulford, for purchase of 208.1 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Section 10, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, Florida, adjacent to his upland property.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on January 16, 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the land out and reported objections filed to the sale by Mr. Joe K. Merrin of Tampa, engineer for West Coast Inland Navigation District, on the ground that the property described appears to encroach upon the proposed right of way for the Inland Waterway.

Mr. Wells recommended that the Trustees approve sale in favor of Mr. Furen at the price offered, conditioned upon Mr. Furen filing an amended plat and application, excluding therefrom any area that might conflict with right of way for the Inland Waterway, and also securing from the U. S. Engineer a release of objections to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve sale in favor of Mr. Furen at the price offered, conditioned upon the objections being worked out as recommended by Mr. Wells.

On January 7, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Walter P. Fuller, on behalf of Donald D. and Hilda M. Rosselli for purchase of 112 acres more or less of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay, adjacent to and surrounding Kitchen Key in Sections 14, 15 and 23, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida, adjacent to applicant's upland property.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on January 16, 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the land out and submitted objections filed to the sale by Mr. Joe K. Merrin of Tampa, engineer for West Coast Inland Navigation District, on the ground that the property advertised for sale appears to encroach upon the proposed right of way for the Inland Waterway, and also protest from the Director of Public Works for Pinellas County.

Mr. Wells recommended that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Roselli and wife at the price offered, conditioned upon applicants filing with the Trustees an amended plat and description, excluding therefrom any area that might conflict with the right of way for West Coast Inland Navigation District; secure from the Engineer of the District a release of the objections filed to the sale, and also release from objections filed by the Director of Public Works for said County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the sale be confirmed in favor of Mr. Roselli and wife for an amended area, subject to the filing of a new plat and description, omitting therefrom any area to which the Inland Navigation District has objected, and present to the Trustees release of the objections filed as recommended by Mr. Wells.

On December 17, 1952, the Trustees considered offers of \$100.00 an acre from two applicants, on behalf of clients, to purchase land in Lake Osborne adjacent to their upland ownerships:

Howard P. Webster, on behalf of clients: Seven parcels of lake bottom in Lake Osborne adjacent to and west of Lots 5 and 6; 9 and 10; 11 and 12; 13, 14 and 15; 17 and 18, 19 and 20;

21 and 22, of Lake Osborne Park, being in Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, containing in the aggregate 7.45 acres more or less, in Palm Beach County, Florida; and

Henry F. Lilienthal, on behalf of Albert O. deLeon: A parcel of lake bottom land lying in Lake Osborne adjacent to and west of the N $\frac{1}{2}$, less North 100 feet of Government Lot 8, Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, containing 1.93 acres, more or less, in Palm Beach County, Florida.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law. Notices of the sales were published in the Palm Beach Post on January 16, 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 1953, with sales to be held on this date. Copy of notices and proofs of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells reported that Senator Russell O. Morrow of West Palm Beach had called and discussed with him the use of Lake Osborne as the source of water supply for the town of Lake Worth and that the town would like to be assured of continued use of the lake for that purpose.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the sales in Lake Osborne be held in abeyance until the question of water supply for the Town of Lake Worth can be worked out.

Honorable Henry S. Baynard, on behalf of the City of Passa-Grille, Florida, makes application for a parcel of land known as Daisy Bank, located in Section 18, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, containing 10 acres, more or less. The town desires this property in order to protect the Yacht Basin and the bay within its corporate limits, as well as the seawall which protects the land along the eastern side of the Town of Pass-a-Grille Beach.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to convey to the City of Pass-a-Grille the land applied for, without cost, subject to advertisement for objections only as required by law, the deed to contain the clause that the land is to be used for public purposes only.

Mr. W. R. Clements, on behalf of William A. Wells and wife, submitted an offer of \$100.00 an acre for 0.75 of an acre, more or less, of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, based on offer from Mr. Wells.

Mr. S. Henry Harris, on behalf of Andrew Keresztury, submitted an offer of \$200.00 an acre for the purchase of 2.19 acres, more or less, of

submerged land in Section 30, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, adjacent to his upland ownership.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only as required by law, based on the offer from Mr. Keresztury.

Mr. Sherman N. Smith, Jr., on behalf of Dr. John E. Burt, offered \$1.00 per acre annually for a ten-year camp lease of an island located in the Indian River, known as Round Island, being partly in Indian River and partly in St. Lucie Counties, comprising 53 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the island for lease, starting with a bid of \$1.00 an acre annually.

Mr. C. F. Tingler submitted offer of \$200.00 an acre for the following parcels of land in Monroe County, Florida, adjacent to his upland property:

6.95 acres of bay bottom and a small key known as East Sister Rock in Section 23, and 17 acres of bay bottom land adjacent and east of Government Lot 1, Section 14, all in Township 66 South, Range 32 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the two parcels for objections only as required by law, based on offers from Mr. Tingler.

Mr. J. Lee Bilberry, on behalf of Humble Oil and Refining Company, requests that the Trustees assign Lease No. 879 which covers 80.28 acres of land in Section 2, Township 46 South, Range 26 East, Lee County, to Gulf Oil Corporation which holds other oil and gas leases adjoining the land under Lease No. 879.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to assignment of Lease No. 879 in favor of Gulf Oil Corporation.

Upon recommendation from Mr. Wells, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the salary of Mr. Bernie Linn, Clerk in the Land Office, be raised to \$325.00 per month, effective February 1, 1953. It was so ordered.

Mr. Hollis Rinehart of Miami, Florida, made an offer of \$1000.00 an acre for the purchase of 47 acres, more or less, of filled and submerged land in Biscayne Bay, surrounding Burlingame Island at the mouth of the Miami River, in Dade County.

Mr. Wells reported that several years ago application was made to purchase an area surrounding Burlingame Island and upon the area being advertised, objections were filed and the Trustees declined to sell the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offer from Mr. Rinehart.

Mr. Wells reported that pursuant to request from the board, he has contacted the State Road Department and others for information as to price paid for sand and shell for road purposes, and has been advised that this material is a very low value commodity and that ten cents per cubic yard is a fair price; also that the applicant for lease stated that his company sells this material for ninety-four cents (94¢) per cubic yard.

In discussing the subject, it was explained that some of the leases outstanding would run until 1962. The Governor inquired as to whether or not these leases had cancellation clauses or could be re-negotiated as to price being charged by the State; that in future leases he would like to have a clause inserted that would allow review of the price, or that the leases be written on an annual basis, subject to renewal and with terms to be re-negotiated.

The matter was referred to the Attorney General for determination as to whether or not the leases are subject to cancellation.

Without objection, action was deferred on application from Mr. Louis W. Wallace, on behalf of Madeira Marine Inc., for lease to dredge and transport oyster shell from Long Bayou in Pinellas County.

Mr. Elliot reported that lists of land owned by the State in Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District are ready for certifying to the Tax Assessors for assessment of flood control District taxes.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida that pursuant to Section 30 of Chapter 25209, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1949, being Section 378.30 Florida Statutes, 1951, the said Trustees hereby certify to the Tax Assessor of each county having land within Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District a list of lands held by said Trustees in said county, which lie within said Flood Control District, for the assessment thereon of said Flood Control District taxes.

The Secretary was requested to certify the lands as provided in the resolution.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be paid, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	\$ 775.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	475.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	406.66
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant	325.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	306.66
J. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	361.66
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	246.66
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	175.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	25.00
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To Gen. Rev. Fund for land in Palm Beach Deed No. 025-Ch. 21684	50.00
W. R. Culbreth, Miami, Fla. Expenses re mortgage foreclosures	75.23
J. O. Carlile, Tallahassee, Fla. For work on State Capitol building	33,025.48
Cawthon Electric Co., Tallahassee, Fla. For work on Capitol building	4,298.10
A. R. Williams - Expenses	54.93
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	27.65
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	4.75
State Office Supply, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	63.04
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	2.70
E. B. Leatherman, CCC Dade County Recording fee	1.70
DeLand Sun News, DeLand, Fla. For advertising land sale	43.70
News-Journal Corp., Daytona Beach, Fla. For advertising land sale	18.40
National Title Insurance Co., Miami, Fla. For furnishing legal description of land in foreclosure suit	50.00
Carroll & Runyon, St. Petersburg, Fla. For serving as Special Master in case	35.00
Jack Culpepper, Tallahassee, Fla. For work on deep wells at State Capitol	2,820.75
Bryce Elevator Co., Jacksonville, Fla. For work on elevator, north wing	6,082.51
Florida State Improvement Commission Design and supervision charges - work on Capitol building	5,392.79
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla. - expenses	58.73
Bulkey-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	61.10
J. Alex Arnette, CCC Palm Beach County Recording fee	1.55
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	15.00
Rickey, Story & Hussey, Bradenton, Fla. For Special Master's fee	50.00

Scott Register, Bradenton, Fla.	
For legal services in foreclosure suit	25.00
Avery W. Gilkerson, CCC Pinellas County	
For deed of Special Master	2.40
Stuart Daily News, Inc., Stuart, Fla.	
For legal notice	30.00
Clearwater Sun, Inc., Clearwater, Fla.	
For legal notice	12.47
The Key West Citizen, Key West, Fla.	
For advertising land sale	23.00
Earnest Overstreet, Tax Collector, Dade County	
E.D.D. taxes for 1952, less 4% discount	59.70
Bernard M. Shotkin, Miami, Fla.	
Refund of overpayment on contracts	41.67
Deeb Builders Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	
For work on air conditioning Capitol	28,733.54
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To Gen. Rev. Fund for land in Okaloosa County Deed 03-Ch. 21684	43.29
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To Prin. of State School Fund	21,105.36
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To Bd. of Conservation	4,758.96
E. B. Leatherman, CCC Dade County	
For 1951 E. D. D. Taxes on N½ 35-51-41	36.99
General Elec. Supply Corp., Jacksonville, Fla.	
For material for Capitol renovation	1,110.48
John Gray, Pensacola, Fla.	
Refund part payment, Contract 20263	2,107.59
E. B. Leatherman, CCC Dade County	
Naranja Dr. Dist. Taxes for 1931-1945	4,172.59
Westinghouse Elec. Supply Co., Jacksonville	
For material for renovation of Capitol	1,809.00
Hardware Mutual Ins. Co. of Minn., Atlanta, Ga. .	124.72
Midyette-Moor Ins. Agency, Tallahassee, Fla. .	12.00
Marchant Calculators, Inc., Oakland, Cal	36.00
Okaloosa News-Journal, Inc., Crestview, Fla.	
For advertising land sale	3.85
Standard Oil Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	9.44
TOTAL	\$119,637.81

Financial Statements for the month of January are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of January 1, 1953

\$197,302.01

Receipts for the Month:

Land Sales	68,255.83
Drainage Tax Refunds	24.41
Sale of Fill Material	2,370.50
Sale of Trustees Minutes	35.00

Refund of Advertising	23.00
Refund of Court Cost	100.00
Interest on Contracts	6,283.98
Quitclaim Deeds	15.00
Farm Leases	9,358.48
General Leases	427.00
Sand, Shell & Gravel Leases	5,688.37
Mineral Lease	132.03
Oil & Gas Leases	1,264.62
Grazing Leases	159.50
Timber Lease	82.40
Land Lease	50.00
Campsites Lease	50.00
Total Receipts for the Month	94,320.12
Grand Total	291,622.13
Less Disbursements for the month	123,273.57
Balance as of January 31, 1953	\$168,348.56

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF JANUARY, 1953

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
1-9-53	170114	S. T. for purchase M. A. land	\$ 586.00
	170115	S. T. for purchase M. A. land	3,420.00
	170831	Bryce Elevator Company	817.62
	170832	J. O. Carlile	48,683.47
1-12-53	172255	Western Union Telegraph	9.59
	172256	Southeastern Telephone Co.	22.70
	172257	Shell Oil Company	13.54
	172258	Standard Oil Company	39.55
	172259	Railway Express Agency	1.86
	172260	Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	29.60
	172261	Earl R. Adams, CCC	1.35
	172262	The Times Publishing Co.	29.27
	172263	Clearwater Sun	40.53
	172264	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	75.04
1-13-53	172727	S. T. Tr. to State School Fund	17,535.14
	172728	S. T. Tr. to State Board of Conservation	2,044.40
1-7-53	173797	Cawthon Elec. Company	14,720.25
	173798	Deeb Builders	13,559.44
	168353	S. T. Tr. to Gen. Rev.	8,079.47
1-20-53	182452	Earnest Overstreet, T. C.	287.40
	182453	Jack Culpepper	2,789.51
	182454	Jack Culpepper	6,400.80
	187708	W. R. Culbreath	4.10
1-28-53	187709	Sinclair Wells	17.75
	190360	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	171.65
	190361	J. Alex Arnette, CCC	4.45
	190362	Earl R. Adams, CCC	1.35
	190363	The Key West Citizen	5.60
	190364	W. C. Baggett, CCC	1.00
	190365	Fisher & Sauls	25.00
	190366	John T. Pickett	729.00

1-27-53	189213	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	15.50
1-31-53	176823	F. C. Elliot	622.25
	176824	A. R. Williams	384.35
	176825	A. C. Bridges	311.26
	176826	J. B. Linn	266.50
	176827	M. O. Barco	218.03
	176828	J. Dedge	297.56
	176829	B. G. Shelfer	189.55
	176830	Sinclair Wells	166.25
	176831	C. M. Green	47.50
	176832	R. N. Landers	23.75
	176833	Blue Cross of Florida	24.40
	176834	Southern States Life Ins. Co.	17.55
	176835	5% Retirement Fund	137.49
	176836	Withholding Tax	405.20
Total Disbursements for Month of January, 1953			\$123,273.57

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

		Balance as of January 1, 1953	\$ 250.00
Receipts for the Month:			
1-22-53		City of Sarasota	\$ 250.00
		Pinellas County Commissioners	650.00
		Hillsborough County Commissioners	600.00
1-23-53		Polk County Commissioners	1,000.00
1-26-53		Highlands County Commissioners	400.00
1-27-53		Marion County Commissioners	350.00
		Total Receipts for the Month	3,250.00
		Grand Total	3,500.00
		Disbursements for the Month	- 0 -
		Balance as of January 31, 1953	\$3,500.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

		Receipts to General Revenue:	
	1-16-53	.....	\$11,706.93
Disbursements from General Revenue:			
Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
1-31-53	173032	E. Hewitt	\$315.33
	173033	M. C. Pichard	220.06
	173034	Provident Life Ins. Co.	7.75
	173035	5% Retirement Fund	18.58
	173036	Withholding Tax	56.60
Total Disbursement for Month of January, 1953			\$618.32

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	3-26-52	5
Alachua	9-24-52	5
Alachua	12-17-52	1
Citrus	1-26-53	1
Columbia	1-27-53	1
Duval	10-15-52	9
Franklin	2-9-53	1
Holmes	3-24-52	1
Orange	12-1-52	3
Orange	2-2-53	1
Pinellas	2-4-53	1
St. Johns	10-3-52	3
Volusia	2-2-53	2

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest filed under the rules.

Request was presented from Urban Hooley for correction deed to be issued in his favor for correcting an error in original Deed No. 412 Charlotte County, dated June 30, 1952.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of Charlotte County Deed No. 412-Cor. in favor of Urban Hooley for the purpose of correcting name of grantee.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for conveyance of Lots 27 and 30 of Block 2, Groveland Park in in Section 21, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, the said lots being wholly within the right of way of State Road No. 9.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees convey the lots described to the State Road Department as requested.

Application was presented from the City of St. Petersburg for conveyance of the E½ of Lot 6, Pinellas Groves located in the SE¼ of Section 9, Township 30 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, approximately 5 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to convey the E½ of Lot 6 as applied for upon payment of \$25.00, which is at the rate of \$5.00 an acre, deed to be issued under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943.

Request was presented from the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County that the Trustees convey to the county Lot 11, Block

17, Toy Town Section "A" located in Section 13, Township 30 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County. The county offers \$5.00 for the lot which is equal to the base bid required under Murphy Act rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of Pinellas County and convey the lot under provisions of Chapter 21684 upon payment of \$5.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize refund of \$40.00 in favor of F. A. Parker as reimbursement for land erroneously sold in Taylor County Deed No. 333, the reason for said refund being that the tax sale certificate by which the land was presumed to have vested in the State was redeemed prior to June 9, 1939. Refund as requested has been approved by the Attorney General's Office.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain certificates covering land in Franklin and Sarasota Counties, certified to the State as having come within the purview of Chapter 18296, and recommended by the Attorney General's office for cancellation.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be paid, and the Comptroller's office be requested to issue warrants therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$371.66
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	246.66
The Key West Citizen, Key West, Fla. For advertising for bids on Oil Lease	26.45
Capital City Publishing Co., Tallahassee, Fla. For advertising for bids on Oil Lease	24.15
TOTAL	\$668.92

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

DAN McCARTY
Governor - Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

February 24, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present:	Dan McCarty	Governor
	C. M. Gay,	Comptroller
	J. Edwin Larson,	Treasurer
	Richard W. Ervin,	Attorney General
	Nathan Mayo,	Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliott	Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells,	Land Agent

Attorney General Ervin stated that at the meeting last week Mr. Bernard Shotkin made complaint with reference to sale of Broward County land to Mr. Joe Kelleher, and the Trustees requested the Attorney General to look into the records and ascertain if the complaint was justified; Mr. Wells and Mr. Rees Williams furnished the complete record of the case and that he checked with them as to what the file disclosed; that since the complaint was rather severe he thinks the Trustees should take the time to go into the matter as Mr. Shotkin feels he was badly treated and probably bad faith exercised against him. Mr. Ervin stated that he has not found this to be the case and submitted the following report, giving the history of the sale in sequence:

1. Title to 59 lots in Pompano Terrace, a subdivision in Sections 26 and 35, Township 48 South, Range 42 East, Broward County, Florida, was vested in the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund by way of the land exchange between the State of Florida and the Everglades Drainage District of those joint reversion tax lands under the Murphy Act and Chapter 20658, Acts of 1941, an act similar to the Murphy Act, affecting tax certificated parcel within the Everglades Drainage District and by subsequent purchase of said lands by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund from the State of Florida.
2. The 59 lots so secured by the Trustees in 1951 comprised Lots 3 to 9 inc. Block 1, Lots 1 to 28 inc. Block 12 and Lots 1 to 24 inc. Block 11, of said Pompano Terrace S/D according to the plat thereof recorded in PB B-10, Page 11, Public Records Broward County, Florida.
3. As the above transactions were being consummated it was found that the FEC Ry. Co. had been granted an easement for railroad purposes only by both the State of Florida through the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund and the Everglades Drainage District across Lots 3 to 9 inc. Block 1, Lots 15 to 28 inc. Block 12 and Lots 13 to 24 inc. Block 11.
4. A photostat copy of the subdivision was secured from the public records of Broward County, the location of the railroad sketched thereon and a portagraph reproduction made thereof, together with copies of both easements as granted to the FEC Ry. Co. This reproduction was placed on file in

this office to be used as a guide and ready reference for any prospective purchasers.

5. In April of 1952 an application for the purchase of these lots in Pompano Terrace was received by the Land Office and on April 23, 1952 the notice or advertisement of sale was mailed to the Ft. Lauderdale News. The sale date was set for 11:00 o'clock A. M. June 3rd, 1952 for competitive bids.

6. Prior to the time and date of the sale several prospective bidders reviewed the portagraph reproduction as described in Paragraph #4 above and the layout, number and location of the lots and the FEC Ry. easement were discussed in detail. Among these prospective bidders was Mr. Bernard M. Shotkin.

7. At the sale M. Shotkin was the high bidder and by routine motion, second and adoption, the Trustees accepted the offer from Mr. Shotkin and confirmed the sale in his favor. Reference: Trustees Internal Improvement Fund Minutes of June 3rd, 1952.

8. By letter dated June 10th, 1952 from the Land Office a contract form covering the lots in question was transmitted to Mr. Shotkin for execution with notice that the down payment and advertising costs were due and to be attached upon return of the executed contract.

9. By undated letter of transmittal but stamped as received in the Land Office June 12, Mr. Shotkin returned the contract unsigned. His request was to change the contract purchaser to read "Bernard M. Shotkin or his assigns and to return the instruments at once." This request was complied with and the contract immediately returned to Mr. Shotkin for his signature.

10. By letter dated June 15th, 1952, received in the Land Office June 23, 1952, Mr. Shotkin advised that he had signed the contract and the check for the payment but was holding same until his request for adjustment in the purchase price due to the FEC Ry. Co. easement could be answered. The Land Agent replied to this request by letter dated June 25, 1952. A copy of this letter is attached hereto as EXHIBIT "A".

11. From this point, the letters and telegrams from the Land Office to Mr. Shotkin requesting that immediate attention be given to the execution, payment and return of the contract did go unanswered. The files show the following letters and telegrams relative to or including this subject:

Aug. 11, 1952 (Letters)	Mr. Shotkin, Denver, Colorado
Aug. 29, 1952 (Telegram)	Mr. Shotkin, Chicago, Illinois
Sept. 2, 1952 (Letter)	Mr. Shotkin, Chicago, Illinois
Oct. 29, 1952 (Reg. Letter)	Mr. Shotkin, Denver, Colorado

12. On December 30, 1952, a telegram, for personal de-

livery only, was sent to Mr. Shotkin by the Land Agent. A copy of this message indentified as EXHIBIT "B" and photostat copy of the delivery notice by Western Union, marked as EXHIBIT "C", are attached hereto.

13. No reply from Mr. Shotkin to the telegram as noted in Paragraph #12 above is in evidence in the files until Feb. 6th, 1953 or 38 days after the date it was delivered to him. A photostat copy of this reply is attached hereto as EXHIBIT "D". Items to be especially noted on this photostat are the date of the letter, June 15, 1952, the date of posting in Miami, Florida, February 5, 1953 and the date received in Tallahassee both by the Post Office and the Land Office stamp, or February 6, 1953.

14. During the period between the expiration date of the 10 days notice to Mr. Shotkin and February 3, 1953, the Land Agent negotiated for the sale of the lots in Pompano Terrace to Mr. Joe Kelleher of Homestead, Florida. Mr. Kelleher agreed to purchase the lots at the price bid by Mr. Shotkin at the original sale. This resale was confirmed by the Trustees at the February 3rd, 1953 Meeting according to an extract from the Minutes attached hereto as EXHIBIT "E".

15. Upon receipt of the letter from Mr. Shotkin discussed in Paragraph #13 above, the Land Agent returned his check and conveyed certain information in a letter dated Feb. 6, 1953, a copy of which is attached hereto as EXHIBIT "F".

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. ELLIOT
Engineer-Secretary
(s) A. Reese Williams
Assistant Engineer

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Attorney General Ervin stated that he is unable to find anything to give him reason to believe that Mr. Wells acted unfairly or in bad faith, and that Mr. Shotkin had ample time to have closed the transaction - from June 1952 to February, 1953, when the Trustees authorized sale to another party offering the same amount bid by Mr. Shotkin. That there is one point Mr. Shotkin would like to know about and that is whether he will be received and treated as other bidders at sale, or whether his disagreement with Mr. Wells will put him in a bad light and he will not be welcome to appear before the board.

Attorney General Ervin suggested that the Trustees assure Mr. Shotkin that he will be welcome to come before this board and bid at any time and that he will be accorded the same courtesy as other bidders.

Governor McCarty stated that he told Mr. Shotkin that at the former meeting, but that it would be necessary for him to make arrangements for payment of land before leaving the building, with the result that the Trustees adopted that policy in connection with payment for land.

Mr. Wells stated that after the meeting last week Mr. Shotkin came by his office and said they had had their differences but he wanted to be friends, and that he had shaken hands with him before he left; that he would continue to show him every courtesy the same as he did others having business with the Trustees.

Mr. Paul Shelley, attorney of Tallahassee, representing Mr. Shotkin, was present at the invitation of the Attorney General and was asked to make whatever statement he desired.

Mr. Shelley stated that he was called into the matter after Mr. Shotkin had appeared before the Trustees last Tuesday in reference to 12 acres of land and 57 lots in Pompano Terrace, both in Broward County, Florida, that he deeply appreciates the opportunity to appear before the Trustees, at the invitation of the Attorney General, in behalf of his client, Mr. Bernard M. Shotkin, of Miami, in regard to his efforts to purchase from the State of Florida 57 lots and 12 acres of land located in Broward County; that he appreciates the thorough study that the Attorney General has given to this matter, and also the courtesies which he and the members of his staff have extended to him in regard to trying to get a clear understanding of the details in connection with Mr. Shotkin's attempts to purchase the lots and 12 acres from the State.

It appears to him that if any relief can be granted by the Trustees, that it may be based on the following points:

1. The advertisement of the sale of the 12 acres and 57 lots in Broward County, which he understands was published in one of the Broward County papers, did not mention the fact that the FEC Railroad had an easement through the 57 lots. The said right-of-way, as he understands it, eliminates about 75% of the lots which were advertised for sale. Also it was understood that no mention of the easement was made at the sale. He was advised by Mr. Shotkin that Mr. Williams, of Mr. Elliot's office, during a conversation with Mr. Shotkin on the morning of the sale and in response to a question by Mr. Shotkin, said that if the advertisement did not except the easement, then the State had title to it.

2. That he was informed that Mr. Shotkin was in frequent touch with the State Land Agent after the sale in early June of 1952, through December of 1952. He was further informed that Mr. Shotkin on several occasions advised the State Land Agent that he desired to secure an adjustment in view of the fact that the lots he purchased were subject to the FEC easement. That Mr. Shotkin informed him that he could not get assurance that a satisfactory settlement would be made. It appears that during that period of about six months the Land Agent could have determined Mr. Shotkin's rights in regard to his request for an adjustment and advised him.

3. That in his opinion, the telegram of December 30th, 1952, to Mr. Shotkin from the State Land Agent was not cry-

stal clear, and did not sufficiently advise Mr. Shotkin of the fact that he must comply with the terms of the contract in regard to the 57 lots within ten days or forfeit his rights. From reading the telegram, it will be noted that it referred to lands in Orange County and other contracts.

4. The 12 acre tract which was a part of the original bid of Mr. Shotkin, was sold after being re-advertised, so he was informed. The 57 lots, however, according to information, were sold privately without re-advertising. While it is understood that the Board has full authority to make such private sales, it is also understood that the Board prefers to make sales after the lands in question have been advertised.

That it seems clear that it is reasonable to assume that Mr. Shotkin, through his contacts with the State Land Agent and his letters to the said Agent, and his letters to other state officials, always has been ready, willing and able to pay the state for any lands purchased by him.

Attorney General Ervin recommended that the Trustees stand by their former action authorizing sale of the land to Mr. Kelleher; that he feels Mr. Wells has definitely rejected Mr. Shotkin's claim for credit of the railroad right of way on the theory that Mr. Shotkin knew what he was buying; that he had seen the plat showing said right of way and that he was given ample opportunity to buy the land; that he never signed the contract or accepted it and has no legal right to claim the land now; that there is no indication of bad faith on the part of Mr. Wells in handling the matter; that he did not send in his check within the ten day period before Mr. Wells recommended to the Trustees that the sale be cancelled and sale approved in favor of the next high bidder at sale who agreed to pay the same amount Mr. Shotkin offered.

Mr. Ervin stated that he had made up his mind at the meeting last week that if there was any showing that Mr. Shotkin had not had ample opportunity to complete his purchase, he would recommend that the Trustees attempt to get the land back from Mr. Kelleher and allow Mr. Shotkin to buy it, but he cannot find any basis for such position and he does not see any bad faith involved in the transaction.

Mr. Ervin moved that the Trustees re-affirm their action cancelling sale to Mr. Shotkin and subsequent approval of sale to Mr. Kelleher; also that after careful consideration of the complaint filed by Mr. Shotkin, the Trustees do not feel that it was well founded. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted.

Governor McCarty asked Mr. Shelley to assure Mr. Shotkin that the Trustees will certainly be glad to hear him without prejudice, at any time he desires to bid on land offered for sale by the State.

Attorney General Ervin delivered to Mr. Shelley, as attorney for Mr. Shotkin, check in amount of \$1600.00 which Mr. Shotkin had sent in, and asked that it be returned to Mr. Shotkin.

Mr. Shelley accepted the check and thanked the board for being allowed to present the matter to them.

Mr. Wells reported that Mr. T. B. Ellis, Jr., of Fort Pierce desires to appear before the Trustees with reference to Mortgage No. 17272 dated August 6, 1925, involving land in Lots 4 and 5, Section 12, and Lots 2 and 3, Section 13, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, containing 168.19 acres, more or less, in St. Lucie County. Mr. Ellis made a cash payment of \$30,397.75 and gave three notes of like amount. No other payments were made on the land and over the period of years proposals have been made for adjustment but without success. The mortgage has been in process of foreclosure for some time and on December 9, 1952, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Edw. O. Dension came before the Trustees with proposal for settlement of the old mortgage. An item of approximately \$5000.00 in delinquent taxes also entered into the proposal. The Trustees deferred action at that time and requested that Mr. Wells make investigation as to the present value of the land, and the Attorney General was asked to determine whether there was a legal question involved.

Mr. Wells reported that he made a trip to Fort Pierce and saw the land; that Mr. Ellis has indicated that he would offer \$7500.00 for assignment of the mortgage and he recommends that the Trustees accept the offer.

Mr. Ellis formally made an offer of \$7500.00 for assignment of Mortgage No. 17272.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept offer of \$7500.00 from Mr. Ellis for assignment of Mortgage No. 17272.

Mr. Wells reported that two Palm Beach County sales involving land on Lake Osborne, advertised to be held February 17, were held up until the question of use of the Lake as a water supply for the town of Lake Worth could be worked out. The matter has since been cleared, Senator Russell O. Morrow having advised that the water supply situation has been worked out and sale of the land advertised will not interfere with the town's use of the lake.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm Palm Beach County sales as follows: Howard P. Webster, on behalf of clients, 7.45 acres of lake bottom land in Lake Osborne, Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, and in favor of Henry F. Lilienthal, on behalf of Albert O. deLeon, 1.93 acres of lake bottom land in Lake Osborne, Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East.

Attorney General Ervin having been requested by the Governor to examine sand and shell leases to determine whether they were sub-

ject to cancellation or not, reported that such leases could not legally be cancelled without cause as provided in said leases.

Action on three applications for sand and shell leases having been deferred, Mr. Wells again presented them for consideration.

Mr. Archie Clements, on behalf of W. F. Ferguson, offers ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard for dead oyster shell lease on a certain area in Bayou Kramer, Section 11, Township 27 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County. Applicant desires the shell to build roads on his property.

Mr. J. Ben Fuqua, on behalf of F. A. Edwards, offers ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard for five-year sand lease on an area in the Manatee River from Fort Hamer to Erie, Manatee County.

Mr. Louis W. Wallace, on behalf of Madeira Marine, Inc., offers ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard, with minimum payment of \$15.00 per month, for three or four year lease to dredge and transport and sell oyster shell in the waters of Long Bayou, Pinellas County, south of Seminole Dam and north of S. A. L. bridge, Section 35, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, and Section 2, Township 31 South, Range 15 East.

Motion was made by Attorney General Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of two-year leases for each of the three applicants in the areas described, with rental on the basis of ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard, with the understanding that leases may be renewed from year to year upon agreement as to terms, no renewal of leases to extend beyond the year 1962.

Mr. Walter Van B. Roberts offered \$150.00 for a small island in Lemon Bay comprising approximately 1½ acres, more or less, located in Section 18, Township 41 South, Range 20 East, Charlotte County. The island is located approximately 100 feet from upland property of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the island for objections only based on offer from Mr. Roberts.

Mr. W. L. Feldman offered \$100.00 an acre for Lot 9, Section 18, Township 41 South, Range 20 East, comprising 12.21 acres, more or less, in Charlotte County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the parcel advertised for competitive bids, starting at \$100.00 an acre.

Mr. C. E. Chillingworth, on behalf of Palm City Company, offered \$500.00 an acre for 1 acre, more or less, of submerged land in Lake

Worth, Section 10, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, Florida, adjacent to upland ownership.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only based on offer from applicant.

Mr. Wells presented resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, dated February 10, 1953, opposing any expansion of the boundaries of Everglades National Park beyond the present established boundaries.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the resolution be received as information.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from U. S. Congressman Bill Lantaff inclosing copy of petition signed by approximately 120 commercial fishermen of South Florida, protesting the blasting being done in Florida Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

It is assumed that the blasting referred to is being done by oil companies, but so far as can be ascertained there is very little if any being done in areas leased from the State. Two oil companies - Coastal Petroleum Company and Gulf Oil Corporation - have leases from the State covering areas in the southern part of the State and have been carrying on seismograph work in light shots at long distances, but information available is that this work has all been completed; that all work done by these companies has been done under the terms and conditions of their leases.

Mr. Elliot was requested to advise Congressman Lantaff of the circumstances and that the Oil Companies having leases from the State have the right under their contracts to carry on this type of work.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Coastal Petroleum Company for adoption of a resolution which will be incorporated into a contract between Coastal Petroleum Company, Commonwealth Oil Company and Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. Mr. Elliot explained the purpose of the resolution, indicating on a map the areas and leases to be affected by the resolution.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay that the Trustees approve the resolution submitted by Coastal Petroleum Company, subject to approval by the Attorney General. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larson with the further provision that there be no infringement of the agreement between the Federal Government and the State of Florida in reference to Everglades National Park.

Mr. Gay accepted the amendment by Mr. Larson and upon vote the motion was carried and the following resolution was adopted:

CONTRACT WITH COASTAL PETROLEUM COMPANY
AND COMMONWEALTH OIL COMPANY AND
TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

WHEREAS, as the result of contracts between Commonwealth Oil Company and Sinclair Oil and Gas Company and Coastal Petroleum Company, Sinclair Oil and Gas Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has spudded in and is now drilling for oil in the center of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 59 South, Range 40 East, on the Key which is known as Key Largo in which the State has no interest; and

WHEREAS, this location for the well now being drilled is immediately adjacent to underwater bottoms which belong to the State of Florida and which are covered by State lease No. 364 to Coastal Petroleum Company; and

WHEREAS, the location of the well now being drilled is only 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles from said State lease No. 362; and

WHEREAS, Commonwealth Oil Company has offered to convey to the State of Florida a one-eighth overriding royalty on the oil and gas produced from the well now being drilled upon non-state lands covering the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 59 South, Range 40 East, to secure for Coastal its rights under the action of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund taken on May 10, 1949, and July 27, 1949; and

WHEREAS, Commonwealth Oil Company owns an oil and gas lease on the following described property, to-wit: The NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 59 South, Range 40 East, in which the State has no interest and which is immediately adjoining the underwater bottoms covered by State lease No. 362, and as to which Commonwealth is willing to deed to the State an overriding one-eighth royalty, provided the State will agree that the production of oil from the well now being drilled by Sinclair on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 59 South, Range 40 East, or production of oil secured by drilling the site described as the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 59 South, Range 40 East, will be sufficient to perpetuate State lease No. 362, as to that part only which lies outside the boundaries of the Everglades National Park, and State lease No. 364 in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund contract with Coastal Petroleum Company and Commonwealth Oil Company as follows:

1. That the offer of Commonwealth Oil Company to give the State an overriding one-eighth royalty, as to Coastal's State lease No. 364 on the following location, not owned by the State, to-wit: The SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 59 South, Range 40 East, and as to State Lease No. 362 on the

following location, not owned by the State, to-wit: The NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 59 South, Range 40 East; and

2. The Completion of the well now being drilled in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 59 South, Range 40 East, in accordance with the drilling contract between Commonwealth and Sinclair which contemplates drilling to a depth of 10,500 feet or 250 feet into the Sunniland limestone formation, whichever depth is less the Trustees will immediately give credit of the footage actually drilled to Coastal on State Lease No. 364, and, in addition thereto, allow credit therefor to be given to Coastal according to the Trustees' action of May 10, 1949, on State leases 224A, 224B and 248.

3. The Trustees likewise accept the tender of a one-eighth overriding royalty on the location described as and offered by Commonwealth Oil Company on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 59 South, Range 40 East, and the Trustees agree that in the event oil is actually produced on either the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 59 South, Range 40 East, or on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 59 South, Range 40 East, that production of oil from either of said locations on or before September 5, 1954, will perpetuate State lease No. 362, as to that part lying outside the boundaries of the Everglades National Park, a substantial interest in which is held by Commonwealth Oil Company the same as if production of oil had been secured anywhere under the lands specifically described in State lease No. 362, and will likewise perpetuate the lease on the total area of State lease 364 the same as if Coastal had produced oil under the lands specifically described in State lease No. 364, whether or not any part of said lease has been, or shall be assigned by Coastal; provided, however, that any right of extension or perpetuation of all or any part of State lease 362 shall not be construed by this contract to be in derogation of the right of the Lessee of State lease No. 362 to pool and combine or unitize any of the leased premises and to secure the rights incident to such pooling, combining or unitizing as provided by the terms of said Lease No. 362.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Mr. Julius F. Parker, on behalf of Coastal Petroleum Company, stating that the Company holds oil and gas lease upon lands of John Tiedtke in Sections 25 and 26, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, and Fractional Section 30, Township 42 South, Range 34 East, Glades County. This land is contiguous to land under Lease No. 248, held by Coastal, and a drilling site has been decided upon which is 71.2 feet East and 227.8 feet north of the southeast corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, not under State Lease No. 248. The company desires to proceed under paragraph 21 of the lease and grant to the state a one-eighth royalty

in the well drilled, and in accordance with terms of the lease the foot-age drilled to be credited to Lease No. 248.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the amended location, in lieu of site described in minutes of June 24, 1952, the Trustees to receive a one-eighth overriding royalty in the well to be drilled on land above described, not under Lease No. 248.

Mr. Elliot reported that at the meeting February 17, 1953, seven lots were omitted from the sale to Lt. Commander John Gray and he now requests that he be allowed to purchase said lots, which are scattered among the 553 parcels purchased, based on the price paid for the other lots.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize sale of the omitted lots, being Lots 4, 5, 6, 13 and 14, Block 126, and Lots 17 and 18, Block 128, Townsite of Port Dixie in Section 5, Township 2 South, Range 23 West, Okaloosa County, the price to be on the same basis as paid for other lots in that subdivision on February 17, 1953.

Letter was presented from Mr. Hugh R. Wilson, Secretary, Air Boat Association of Florida, Miami, Florida, stating that the association has adopted a resolution requesting that the Trustees refrain from permitting any land to be added to the present boundaries of Everglades National Park, especially as to an area known as Chevalier Tract.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the copy of resolution be filed as information.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from the City of Miami with reference to lease in favor of Howard Bond of an area on MacArthur Causeway, with information that the city proposes to make the lease on a month to month basis instead of an annual lease as heretofore.

Upon recommendation from the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund interpose no objection to the lease by the City of Miami of a site on MacArthur Causeway to Howard F. Bond for such period or periods of time, not to exceed in the aggregate one year from February 1, 1953, and under such terms and conditions as the City may determine; and that consent by the Trustees to the granting of such lease shall not be considered as waiving the public purpose clause contained in Deed No. 19447, dated February 24, 1949, from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the City of Miami.

Mr. Elliot made verbal report to the Trustees with reference to disposition of land which originally came to the State under Chapter

18296, some of which was jointly owned by the State and Everglades Drainage District, the working out of the joint ownership by exchanges, the purchase by the Trustees at the regular base bid of portions of this land, the subsequent sale into private ownership of some of this land, and prices received therefor.

Motion was made by Attorney General Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be requested to submit a written report on this subject.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received from sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	11-19-52	5
Charlotte	11-3-52	7
Franklin	2-16-53	2
Hardee	11-3-52	1
Lake	2-9-53	2
Pasco	2-2-53	3
Seminole	11-24-52	1
Volusia	1-5-53	6

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Letter was presented from Mr. R. L. Tilley, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Clay County, acting as agent for the Trustees in the handling of Murphy Act sales. Mr. Elliot explained that Mr. Tilley has failed to conform to the rules and regulations of the Trustees governing sales; also fees charged by him are considerably higher than those charged by other Clerks; that these matters were called to his attention and he has requested to be relieved as Agent for the Trustees.

Under discussion of the request, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that Mr. Elliot work the situation out with Mr. Tilley in cooperation with the Comptroller if necessary.

Mr. Elliot called attention to action taken by the Trustees August 6, 1951, in reference to conveyance to the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials of certain lands in Westview Subdivision, bordering on the Gulf in Manatee County. The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County had also applied for the land, however action was taken to convey to the Park Board with the provision that the county could use the area until the Park Board was ready to start development. Subsequent to execution and delivery of deed to the Park Board, the said Board returned the deed with information that the land was not needed for park purposes.

Mr. Elliot recommends that the land on Anna Maria Key be conveyed to the County of Manatee with the restriction that the tract be used for park and beach purposes, and if not so used within two (2) years, or if used and later abandoned for a continuous period of one (1) year, that title revert to the State of Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the recommendation of Mr. Elliot be approved as the action of the board, consideration for the deed to be \$100.00.

Request was presented from Madison County Clerk that the Trustees fix the base bid for advertising a parcel of land located between Blocks E and F of the Town of Eridu and State Road No. 19 in Section 17, Township 2 South, Range 6 East, containing 1½ acres. Application has been made by A. T. Aman to purchase the land. It was explained that this parcel came to the State through exchange with C. L. Leggett for lots in Taylor County, and therefore no record of the 1932 value.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised with a base bid of \$50.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of Pinellas County Deed No. 1183—Correction in favor of Ralph W. White, for the purpose of correcting error in description of original Deed No. 1183 to the same grantee, dated May 28, 1941.

Request was presented from Mr. John W. Booth of Palatka, Florida, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund grant him an additional thirty (30) days for bringing suit in a case presented to the Trustees December 2, 1952, involving sale of Murphy Act land in Putnam County for which Mr. Booth was the high bidder at sale of September 6, 1952 - Report No. 142. It was explained that after the 21-day period for allowance of protests, the Board of Public Instruction of Putnam County requested that the bid of Mr. Booth be declined and the land conveyed to the County for school purposes, that the Trustees granted the request of the county but agreed to withhold delivering the deed for thirty (30) days, within which time Mr. Booth would have opportunity to file suit if he so desired. Additional time is now requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant the thirty-day extension as requested by Mr. Booth.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

DAN McCARTY
Governor - Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

March 3, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present:	C. M. Gay,	Comptroller
	J. Edwin Larson,	Treasurer
	Richard W. Ervin,	Attorney General
	Nathan Mayo,	Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot,	Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells,	Land Agent

On January 27, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Apul Fillo, on behalf of himself, Mrs. Annie L. Roberts and Walter C. Hester, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Hillsborough River (Indian River North) lying Easterly of and across Riverside Drive from Lots 1, 36 and 37, Edgewater Highlands, and Lots 4K and 4J of Alvarez Grant, in Section 52, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, containing a total of 3.32 acres, more or less, in Volusia County, Florida.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the DeLand Sun-News on January 30, February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out, and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of applicants, as the adjacent upland owners, at the price offered - \$100.00 an acre.

On January 27, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Mr. J. Ben Fuqua, on behalf of J. E. Holmes, for purchase of several parcels of submerged land in Tampa Bay lying northeasterly of and adjacent to Government Lots 3 and 4 of Section 17, Government Lot 7 of Section 20, and Government Lot 2 of Section 21, all in Township 34 South, Range 16 East, containing 40 acres, more or less, in Manatee County, Florida.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the Bradenton Herald on January 30, February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of applicant, as the adjacent upland owner, at the price offered - \$150.00 an acre.

On January 27, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$20.00 from Mr. Frank Evans, on behalf of the County of Sarasota, for purchase of 2.26 acres, more or less, of submerged land adjacent to Casey Key Road in Section 15, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, Florida.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on January 30, February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1953, with the sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and objections were presented from W. H. Tucker, on behalf of Walter D. Blackburn.

Mr. Wells explained that a portion of this parcel was applied for by Sarasota County sometime ago, the land advertised for objections, and objections were filed with notice that suit would be instituted. The parties have failed to file suit as threatened. In the meantime the County of Sarasota applied for additional land and the second advertisement carried both parcels. Mr. Wells now recommends that the objections be overruled and sale of the lands advertised be confirmed in favor of the County of Sarasota.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described to Sarasota County at the price offered - \$20.00 - with deed to contain the public purpose clause providing for title to re-vest in the State should the land be used for other purposes; delivery of deed to be held up for thirty (30) days from this date.

On January 27, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$700.00 an acre from Arthur M. Larrimore for purchase of a parcel of reclaimed lake bottom land lying northwesterly of and adjacent to Lot A-59 of Supplemental Plat of Fractional Section 18 Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, Florida, containing 0.13 of an acre, more or less.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on January 30, February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out with information that no objections have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Larrimore, as adjacent upland owner, at the price offered - \$700.00 an acre.

On January 27, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$500.00 an acre from Mr. R. S. Erskin, on behalf of Mr. M. B. Frank, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Lake Worth, adjacent to and westerly of the South 300 feet and the North 3300 feet of Section 23, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, containing 2.94 acres, more or less, in Palm Beach County, Florida.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on January 30, February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Frank, as adjacent upland owner, at the price offered - \$500.00 an acre.

On January 27, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Mr. Hugh F. DuVal, Jr., on behalf of Valhalla Yacht Club Service, Inc., for purchase of a parcel of submerged land lying in Hawk Channel southerly of and adjacent to Block A of Ecstasy, a subdivision, being in Government Lot 1, Section 35, Township 65 South, Range 33 East, on Crawl Key No. 5, containing 11.4 acres, more or less, in Monroe County, Florida.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on January 30, February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of applicant, as the adjacent upland owner, at the price offered - \$150.00 an acre.

On January 27, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Raymond R. Lord, on behalf of Emma M. Thompson, John N. Thompson and Marie Joan Knight, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boot Key Harbor lying south of and adjacent to Government Lots 1 and 2, Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32

East, at Key Vaca, containing 20 acres, more or less, in Monroe County, Florida.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on January 30, February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of applicants, as adjacent upland owners, at the price offered - \$150.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees decline offer of \$100.00 an acre from Al W. Furen, on behalf of John David Fulford, for purchase of 193 acres of submerged land in Section 10, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, Mr. Fulford having already purchased a considerable acreage in the same locality.

Application was presented from Mrs. Florence H. VorKeller for extension of Sand Lease No. 825 at the same rate she is now paying, the land covered by said lease being in Section 2, Township 28 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize one-year extension of Lease No. 825 under the same terms and conditions.

Mr. J. U. Gillespie presented offer of \$100.00 an acre, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Frank LeFils, for purchase of 3.58 acres of submerged land in front of their upland property in Section 4, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law, based on offer submitted.

Mr. John P. Goggin, on behalf of Mr. Fred Yoars, presented an offer of \$200.00 an acre for 0.9 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to applicant's upland property in Section 25, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only as required by law, based on offer from Mr. Yoars.

Request was presented from Mr. Walter B. Frazier that the Trustees grant extension of time within which to construct the building required under the terms of Mineral Sand Lease No. 844 issued to Mr. Frazier and later assigned to Charles K. Rudolph & Associates. Written statement from Mr. Frazier was presented to the Trustees outlining plans and procedure for actual development of the minerals to be taken under the lease, and the ability of the lessees to carry out the terms of the lease.

Mr. Wells stated that there has been a question on the part of the Bonding Company with reference to bond to be furnished by lessee - whether it was to cover guarantee for construction of the building - but that he had cleared that misunderstanding and the company now understands that the bond is only for guaranteeing royalty payments.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant extension of four (4) months from March 28, 1953, for construction of the plant required in Lease No. 844 and that bond in amount of \$10,000.00 be furnished as guarantee of royalty payments under said lease.

Mr. Elliot called attention to a matter presented to the State Board of Education February 17, 1953, having reference to sale by the State Board of Education of land in Government Lot 3, Section 36, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County, to Mr. Ralph T. Ganary.

Mr. Elliot explained that there were two supposedly original plats of the original Government Survey of the township in which the land is located, one showing the land as Lot 2 and the other showing the same land as Lot 3. The United States patented Lot 2 to a private person and Lot 3 to the State as School Indemnity land. That being the case there is a cloud on the title held by the individual and also a cloud on the title held by the State Board of Education.

Mr. Wells stated that this subject was taken up on the State Board of Education Agenda, and it was agreed to convey the land to the Trustees, and refund to Mr. Ganary would be worked out with the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot stated that the matter of refund has not been presented to the Trustees for action, and he thinks the question should be referred to the Attorney General for opinion as to authority of the Trustees to make such refund and take payment therefor in land of doubtful title, or no title.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees refer the matter to the Attorney General for his opinion on the subject.

At the meeting of the Trustees February 24, 1953, the Attorney General suggested that the Secretary and Engineer submit a complete report covering lands in the Everglades Drainage District purchased

by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund from the State under Chapter 18296. The following report was prepared and copy furnished each member of the Trustees:

February 28, 1953

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund
Capitol Building
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Sirs:

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on February 24, I gave verbally brief information relating to lands in Everglades Drainage District acquired by the Trustees through purchase from the State of lands held by it in that District under the Murphy Act.

Attorney General Ervin suggested that I prepare a complete report for inclusion in the Minutes of the Trustees. In pursuance of that suggestion, the following is submitted:

Under the provisions of Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937, known as the Murphy Act, lands for which there were outstanding in the hands of the State tax sale certificates more than two years old on the date of the Act, reverted to the State to be sold for the State through the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

By similar Act, Chapter 20658, Acts of 1941, applying to Everglades Drainage District, land covered by tax sale certificates issued by the District for non-payment of district drainage taxes which were more than two years old, reverted to the District.

From the two tax reversion acts, double reversion resulted. The State held title under the State's Act and the District held title under its Act. Till 1949 the State and the District held joint sales under joint advertisements. Bids for the lands offered included amounts for both state and district on a proportion fixed by state and district based on their respective equities. Moneys received from the sales were paid to the state and to the district in the respective amounts due. Deeds were issued by state and district separately to the same grantee.

I had discussed with the Commissioner of Everglades Drainage District the proposition of a division of the lands held jointly by state and by district so that the state would hold the entire title to part of the land and the district the full title to the other part. The commissioners believed the suggestion, if it could be effectuated, would be beneficial to the district. The subject had been discussed with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and had been approved by them. In 1949 further sale of double reversion Murphy Act and District Act land was discontinued. I prepared a Bill for the Legislature of 1949 which became Chap-

ter 25213, having direct reference to the recently created Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, in which, among other things, authority was given for exchange of lands between governmental agencies where such exchange related to and was beneficial for the Flood Control District. Soon after the Bill was enacted into law, the work preliminary to land exchange between the State and Everglades Drainage District began.

This preliminary work consisted for the most part in procuring all recorded plats in the several counties of land subdivisions, making field examination of the land, in selecting lands for exchange, determining areas and values for exchange purposes, making a complete tax search and the preparation of tax abstract for every parcel of land involved in the exchange and other tax land held jointly by the State and Everglades Drainage District which was to be dedicated to the use of the Flood Control District. The work was carried on in several counties having lands in the district. The records in the offices of the Clerks of the Circuit Courts provided the basis for the tax examination, but frequently the records of the Tax Assessors and the Tax Collectors also had to be consulted, together with a great number of land plats. As the work progressed, it was found advisable to extend tax title search to lands outside of Everglades Drainage District not affected by District reversion. This was done in Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Hendry Counties so that single reversion Murphy Act lands also were brought in and tax title proven. These lands also were included in the purchase hereinafter referred to by the Trustees from the State. This work was a whale of a job. It required a year and a half of continuous concentrated effort on the part of this office and Everglades Drainage District, working in cooperation, for its final completion.

Tax problems were encountered of every conceivable kind. A very large proportion were resolved when all of the tax entities or pieces were found and fitted together to complete the tax picture. Some remained puzzles. Some parcels were pure nuisance pieces. All were finally disposed of. Only those parcels having clear tax records vesting title in the State and in the District were acceptable for exchange purposes and inclusion in deeds. In the end the tax search covered approximately 22,000 parcels of land varying in size from small subdivision lots to entire sections, representing some 200,000 acres, including lands for exchange and lands not for exchange but for dedication for flood control purposes by the State and by Everglades Drainage District.

The first exchange deed was issued in late 1949 - as a rush order for right of way for flood control. In 1950 exchange between the State and Everglades Drainage District got well under way and continued as rapidly as tax search of land

was completed. Parcels allotted to one or the other were selected on an area-value basis. Upon completion, for all practical purposes, half the double reversion lands vested in the State through deed from the District; the other half in the District through deed from the State, each conveying to the other its respective tax title.

In addition to simplifying and facilitating the handling of land through its reduction to single ownership, there were two other important considerations in mind. First, by Act of the Legislature of 1949 liquidation and dissolution of Everglades Drainage District was provided for, making it advisable for the state and district to separate their joint tax land holdings; and second, also by Act of the 1949 Legislature, Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District was created and the legal machinery for its operation provided. The Flood Control District, through the works thereof, comprises a co-operative project between the United States, the State and the District. The District's money for meeting its cooperative commitments was based upon flood control taxes imposed and to be imposed upon lands and other real property within the district, including lands held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

The Trustees are authorized by statute to pay the district's taxes on lands held by them. There was no provision under which the State could pay taxes on Murphy Act land. To give the Murphy Act lands taxable status, and as part of State cooperation in the flood control project and for what seemed other good reasons, I recommended to the Trustees the purchase from the State of all Murphy Act lands in Everglades Drainage District, and those outside of said District in the four counties named, not dedicated by the state for right of way and other flood control purposes. This included those lands acquired through exchange and those reverting to the State through the Murphy Act unaffected by double reversion, payment therefor to be at the regular prevailing rates applicable to the sale of Murphy Act lands. It was believed that the sale of the land could be carried out more advantageously by the Trustees and that though flood control taxes would have to be paid, the purchase of the land from the State would result favorably to the Internal Improvement Fund. The Trustees authorized the purchase.

Nearly all of the desirable or readily salable land had already been sold under the Murphy Act and Everglades Drainage District Tax Act prior to 1949. Much of the remainder consisted of left over remnants far out in the Everglades, completely wild and undeveloped. The Trustees acquired from the state 11,335 acres of tax reverted land and 7,560 lots for the most part of 1924 to 1926 boom-time vintage, principally in the 25 x 75 foot size, for which was paid \$14,368.00. To date, March 1, 1953, 205 acres of land and 5,454 subdivision lots have been

sold for \$92,308.00. There remains unsold 11,130 acres and 2,106 subdivision lots.

A further consideration was that the State School Fund received no part of the money derived from the sale of tax reverted land, but when title passed to the Trustees and the land became Internal Improvement Fund land, the State School Fund receives 25% of the proceeds. It will be observed that from the amount sold to date, the State School Fund has already participated, as its one fourth part out of a portion of the land only, to the extent of an amount greater than the State would have received under the Murphy Act sale of all; and that after deducting the part to the State School Fund, the Internal Improvement Fund has received more than the land cost, including expenses of the tax search, district taxes, and all other procurement and sales costs.

As to Everglades Drainage District, the lands received by it in exchange have been almost entirely disposed of. It has enabled the District to be in final position for its liquidation and dissolution, with all debts paid. Money derived from land sales enabled the District to reduce its tax rate for 1951 by one-half and omit taxes entirely for the year 1952.

As to Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, it has been of great benefit in enabling the District to procure rights of way, holding basins, water conservation areas, and other lands held by the State and by Everglades Drainage District and dedicated to Flood Control purposes without cost to the Flood Control District.

The State received in one lump the approximate amount which it would have received from sale under the Murphy Act. It has been shown that the State School Fund is a beneficiary without cost to that fund. The transaction has been profitable to the Internal Improvement Fund. Land sales and land development will continue.

In closing this report it is in order that credit be given to the splendid work done by Mr. A. Rees Williams, Assistant Engineer for the Trustees, and by Messrs. John R. Greenwood and Turner Wallis of Everglades Drainage District and Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, along with the cooperation of the personnel of those agencies; and also in general to the tax officials of the several counties for their cooperation and in permitting free and unlimited access to the public records in their custody.

Respectfully,
F. C. ELLIOT
Engineer and Secretary

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SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received from sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	SALE DATE	NO. OF BIDS
Duval	7-2-52	1
Nassau	2-23-53	5
Orange	10-6-52	15
Osceola	2-9-53	5
Pasco	2-2-53	3
St. Lucie	2-15-53	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following quitclaim deeds be executed for releasing the State road right of way reservation in original deeds, the State Road Department having approved releases requested:

Pt. Alachua County Q.C. Deeds No. 845 to Paul L. Cate and wife, Geo. W. Reeves and Charlie M. Reeves, James W. Bailey and wife, Herschel W. Criswell and wife, Wanner W. Weseman and wife, George H. Young and wife, Maude B. Sennett, a widow, Robert L. Prevatt and wife, and R. W. Echols and H. G. Echols (9 deeds)

Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 2626-EDDJ to May L. Quinn
Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 2676-EDDJ to Lena Cool and husband

Pt. Dade Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2764-EDDJ to Lena Cool and husband

Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 3815-EDDJ to E. P. Wilson & J. W. Hopper

Pt. Dade Co. Q.C. Deed No. 03-Ch. 21684 to Robt. A Wade et al

Escambia Co. Q.C. Deed No. 106 to Otto P. Ream, Jr.

Pt. Orange Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1223 to Inez Meredith

Pt. Palm Beach Co. Q.C. Deed No. 614 to Rosie Seckar

Pt. Palm Beach Co. Q.C. Deed No. 700 to Wm. Day and Harry Battistoni

Pt. Palm Beach Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3150 to Dale O. Allison & wife

Pinellas Co. Q. C. Deed No. 1699 to K. C. Richter & wife

Pt. St. Lucie Co. Q.C. Deed No. 179-Cor. to N. C. Thagard & wife

Application was presented from Sinclair Oil Company for an oil, gas and mineral lease covering Murphy Act land in Santa Rosa County described as N½ of SW¼ of NE¼ of Section 18, Township 1 North,

Range 27 West, 20 acres, which the State still owns, and application to lease the reserved interest in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, Township 1 North, Range 27 West, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 26 West, 320 acres. It was explained that the Company does not have lease from the fee owner of the 320 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees hold in abeyance the application to lease the land described, and that the 20 acres in Section 18 above be withdrawn from sale.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller - Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

March 10, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:	C. M. Gay,	Comptroller
	J. Edwin Larson,	Treasurer
	Richard W. Ervin,	Attorney General
	Nathan Mayo,	Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot,	Engineer and Secretary
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Secretary of State R. A. Gray, Acting Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, requested that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund incorporate in the minutes of said board the recommendation of Mr. F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary of the Trustees. Mr. Elliot was designated by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions at the meeting January 13, 1953, to act on a special committee to make a thorough study of a resolution of the Tribal Trustees of the Seminole Indians of Florida on the location for Levee No. 28 of Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the recommendation of Mr. Elliot be made a part of the minutes of the Trustees as follows:

Recommendation:

That the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, following a like procedure as in 1949, call the subject to the attention of the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army through Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District;

That said Board indicate its desire to meet the wishes of the Seminole Indians in the re-location of Levee #28 as the same affects the Indian Reservation lands as far as such be practical and not in conflict with effectuating the purpose for which the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District was created;

That in the event the re-location of Levee #28 is changed to the eastward still passing through Reservation lands, the Board agrees to grant right of way therefor without cost to Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve payment of \$69.00 to Mrs. W. P. Kelly, widow of W. P. Kelly, former surveyor for Orange County. The Trustees on September 9, 1952, authorized payment of \$150.00 of a total bill of \$219.00 which was agreed upon for survey work Mr. Kelly was to do in the vicinity of Lake Conway.

Mr. Elliot reported that all field notes and plats have been completed and transmitted to the Trustees, and it is recommended that the balance of \$69.00 be paid to Mrs. Kelly.

It was ordered that warrant be drawn as above outlined.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary recommended approval of the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO.OF BIDS
Bay	3-2-53	16
Clay	2-28-53	1
Franklin	3-2-53	2
Indian River	3-2-53	1
Pasco	3-2-53	3
Polk	1-30-53	8
Volusia	2-10-53	1
Wakulla	2-24-53	1

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Recommendation was presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Polk County that the Trustees, in considering Report No. 156, sale of December 26, 1952, authorize distribution of bids in excess of \$5.00 per lot to be applied to bids which were less than the minimum bid required in order that the deficient bids be brought up to equal not less than \$5.00 per lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the request be denied and that all insufficient bids be rejected.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates covering land in Franklin, Hernando, Okaloosa and Taylor Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates do not vest any title in the State to the lands covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller - Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

March 17, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

The Secretary presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated February 17, 1953, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells reported that on January 27, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 an acre from Ira W. Hall, for purchase of Fractional Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 23 East, containing 9.4 acres, more or less, in Nassau County, Florida; that the Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to competitive bids starting at \$10.00 an acre, and notice was published in the Fernandina Leader on February 13, 20, 27, March 6 and 13, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and bids invited. No further bids were received.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$10.00 an acre and confirm sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Hall.

On January 27, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Boyd T. Aydelott and William F. Byars, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land lying in "The Narrows" located in Section 24, Township 30 South, Range 13 East, and Section 19, Township 30 South, Range 14 East, Pinellas County Florida, easterly of and adjacent to Lots 6 to 16 inclusive, Block 6, Indian Rocks South Shore Subdivision, containing 8 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on February 13, 20, 27, March 6 and 13, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called description of the land out and announced that objections have been filed to the sale by Mr. Joe Merrin, Engineer for West Coast Inland Navigation District, on the ground that part of the property encroaches on proposed right of way of the Inland Waterway. No other objections were filed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land in favor of Messrs. Aydelott and Byars at the price offered, subject to withdrawl of objections and approval of sale by West Coast Inland Navigation District.

On January 27, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of J. O. Bryan, for purchase of 16.94 acres of submerged land in Section 12, Township 30 South, Range 14 East, Pinellas County, Florida, adjacent to upland ownership of applicant. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on February 13, 20, 27, March 6 and 13, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that no objections have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land in favor of Mr. Bryan at the price offered - \$150.00 an acre.

On January 27, 1953, the Trustees considered request from the City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, represented by John C. Ferris, City Manager, for conveyance to the City of those parcels of submerged and semi-submerged land lying in the Indian River North, which are the easterly extensions of the right of way of Sixth, Seventh, Eighth,

Ninth and Tenth Streets in the City of New Smyrna Beach, located in Section 49, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County Florida, containing in the aggregate 5.43 acres, more or less, to be used for public purposes only. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the DeLand Sun-News on February 13, 20, 27, March 6 and 13, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the description of the land out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of the Town of New Smyrna Beach, without cost, the deed to contain the public purpose clause which provides for title to re-vest in the Trustees should the land ever be used for other than public purposes.

Mr. Wells presented application from William K. King, on behalf of Seymour C. Hirsch and Loraine S. Hirsch, his wife, with offer of \$350.00 an acre for 0.36 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Sections 10 and 15, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida. Mr. Wells recommends that the offer be declined as the area applied for is located in the open waters of the Gulf of Mexico, and Mr. Elliot has a recommendation to make to the board with reference to such areas.

Mr. Elliot stated that in connection with the above offer presented by Mr. Wells for the acquisition of certain submerged bottoms by Mr. King which are adjacent to upland which fronts upon the open sea, he does not believe it advisable to convey such bottoms into private ownership, giving briefly his reasons therefor, and recommending that the application be not granted.

Mr. Elliot also recommended that all land held by the State fronting upon the open sea, having beaches suitable for bathing and other recreational purposes, be withdrawn from sale and reserved for the use of the public. He defined the lands recommended to be withdrawn from sale and those not to be affected by said withdrawal as follows:

That there be withdrawn from sale all lands, title to which is in the State of Florida on this date under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937, known as the Murphy Act, and all Internal Improvement Fund lands fronting upon the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of Mexico having beaches suitable for bathing and other recreational purposes. This withdrawal shall affect only those lands defined above extending landward from the beach for a distance of 100 feet or more. It shall not affect lands along the ocean or gulf having no ocean or gulf beaches suitable for bathing such as prevails with few exceptions along the Gulf from Tarpon Springs in Pinellas County to the mouth of the Ochlockonee River in Wakulla County, and along the Florida Keys in Monroe County. It shall not affect lands inside of harbors, bays, sounds or other intra-coastal or inland waters.

The purpose of this withdrawal is to reserve for the use of the public those lands, title to which is in the State, fronting upon the open Ocean or Gulf having beaches suitable for bathing.

Also, that there be withdrawn the submerged bottoms seaward from the ordinary high water mark of the shore bordering the open ocean or Gulf, except such bottoms as border upon low or marshy or rocky shores not suitable for ordinary habitation or use unless improved by dredging and filling. This withdrawal shall likewise not apply to submerged bottoms within harbors, bays, sounds or other intracoastal or inland waters.

Motion was made by Attorney General Ervin, seconded by Treasurer Larson and adopted, that application to purchase be declined, and that the foregoing recommendations by Mr. Elliot relating to bathing beaches and submerged bottoms be approved as the action of the Trustees, effective this date.

Mr. Wells presented the following applications for purchase of submerged and semi-submerged land adjacent to upland ownership of applicants, and recommended that the said land be advertised for objections only as required by law:

1. Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Stephen Springett, with offer of \$150.00 an acre for 1.27 acres of land adjacent to his property in Indian Rocks South Shore S/D of Section 24, Township 30 South, Range 14 East, Pinellas County.
2. Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Snug Harbor Apartments, Inc., with offer of \$150.00 an acre for 1.29 acres of land adjacent to upland property in Section 30, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.
3. Mr. R. C. Huffman on behalf of Benton & Company, Inc., with offer of \$150.00 an acre for approximately 30.3 acres of land in Boca Ciega Bay, Section 3, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County.
4. Mr. Anderson C. Bouchelle offers \$150.00 an acre for 0.92 of an acre adjacent to his property in Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County.
5. Mr. Nathan Natapow offers \$100.00 an acre for approximately 1 acre of land in Old Tampa Bay adjacent to his upland property in Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County.
6. Mr. Clyde Kirby offers \$100.00 an acre for 1.02 acres of land adjacent to his upland in Section 26, Township 28 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County.
7. Mr. Al W. Furen, on behalf of John David Fulford, offers \$100.00 an acre for 78.51 acres of land in Boca Ciega Bay, adjacent to property previously conveyed to him in Section 10, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County.
8. Mr. Doyle E. Carlton, on behalf of St. Armand Realty Company of

Sarasota, offers \$200.00 an acre for approximately 75 acres of submerged land in Sarasota Bay, Section 26, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County, adjacent to upland ownership of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the lands applied for in the foregoing applications, numbered 1 through 8, and adjacent to upland ownership, be advertised for objections only as required by law, and that notices be sent to city and county officials, calling special attention to proposed sale of the lands described.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees decline offer of \$5.00 an acre from Victor Blue, on behalf of H. B. Stokes, for purchase of the W½ of Section 2, Township 6 South, Range 29 East, containing 320 acres in St. Johns County, and that counter proposal be made to advertise the land for competitive bids, conditioned upon applicant agreeing to offer not less than \$10.00 an acre for the land.

Mr. Charles S. Isler, Jr., applied for a quitclaim deed to Lots 4 and 5, Section 10, Township 4 South, Range 15 West, Bay County, on behalf of Mr. Walter L. Folkes.

Letter from the Attorney General was presented, in which was outlined title transfers from the United States to private individuals and from private individuals back to the United States, the issuance of tax sale certificate while in private ownership resulting in execution of tax deed, and from tax deed grantee to the Governor of the State of Florida. The Attorney General's letter further states that "however as it appears that the state has no title to the lands there is no reason why, if the present claimant so desires, a quitclaim deed could not be executed should the Governor so desire. Quitclaim deed might also be issued by the Trustees."

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of quitclaim deed in favor of Mr. Folkes as requested by his attorney.

Mr. Ben Shepard, on behalf of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, offers \$1000.00 an acre for approximately 2½ acres of submerged land in Indian Creek, Section 23, Township 52 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, the said parcel to be used for widening the bridge at 41st Street.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offer from the City of Miami Beach.

Mr. M. Marion Walton, on behalf of C. Grady Green and Gladys Green, offers \$50.00 an acre for the purchase of approximately 5 acres of land in Tract 43, Block 88, Palm Beach Farms, Section 17, Township 48 South, Range 42 East, Broward County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids starting at \$50.00 per acre as offered by Mr. Green and wife.

Mr. Larson called attention to an editorial appearing in the Miami Herald referring to sale by the State of valuable lands to get money it does not need; that in connection with sale of State lands, it might be well for the Trustees to re-appraise the value of its lands, especially the water bottoms along the coast of Florida as land is continuing to advance in price each year.

Attorney General Ervin stated that a bill was being prepared for submission to the Legislature which will take care of coastal areas of the State.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the United States Geological Survey that the Trustees continue participation in the Cooperative Water Resources program on the same basis as heretofore - local interests one-fourth, Trustees one-fourth, and the United States matching the total of local and state. It was explained that the Trustees and the United States will participate an additional \$100.00 each for certain work heretofore authorized in connection with Lake Conway.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize participation in the program as outlined on the basis of local interests allocating \$4,650.00, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund not in excess of \$4,750.00 and the United States the total of both, or \$9,400.00.

Mr. Elliot was requested to execute the contract and return to the U. S. Geological survey.

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees February 24, 1953, the contract, in the form of a resolution, between Coastal Petroleum Company, Commonwealth Oil Company and Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, as approved by the Attorney General, is ready for execution, the two oil companies having affixed their signatures.

Attorney General Ervin stated that he has examined the contract and it is in order for execution.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the Contract as adopted at the meeting February 24, 1953.

Request was presented from the Land Department that refund warrant be authorized in favor of Leonard W. and Alma J. Bauer in amount of \$67.25, representing amount paid for land in Sarasota County owned by the United States and erroneously conveyed by Deed No. 20115, dated August 7, 1953, to Mr. and Mrs. Bauer.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the refund of \$67.25 be authorized in favor of Mr. Bauer and wife.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund pay the printing bill amounting to \$321.10 for printing Chapter 22819 of 1945, rules and regulations governing the conservation of oil and gas in Florida, and certain forms adopted by the Board of Conservation and used by the State Geologist in connection with oil, gas and mineral policies.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be paid, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	\$ 775.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	475.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	406.66
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant	325.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	306.66
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	361.66
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	246.66
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	175.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	25.00
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To Prin. of State School Fund	17,439.55
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To Board of Conservation	3,026.40
J. O. Carlile, Tallahassee, Fla. Work on Old Senate and House Chambers	18,510.55
Deeb Builders, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. Work on Air Conditioning, Capitol Bldg.	12,770.46
Jack Culpepper, Tallahassee, Fla. Work on deep wells, Capitol	10,777.34
Work on elevator shaft, Capitol	3,171.90
Cawthon Electric Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Work on Capitol	4,205.98
Sinclair Wells, - Expenses as Land Agent	11.24
A. R. Williams - Expenses as Ass't Engr.	32.10
Mrs. W. P. Kelly, Orlando, Fla. Lake Conway investigation, Orange County	69.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla. .	20.65
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. .	5.32
Shell Oil Co., Atlanta, Ga.	8.63

Mary Bragg, Tallahassee, Fla. - for furn. polish	1.45
Clearwater Sun, Inc., Clearwater, Fla.	
For legal adv.	14.57
Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Sarasota, Fla.	
For legal adv.	20.70
Sinclair Wells, Tallahassee, Fla. - Expenses	26.24
C. M. Gay, Comptroller - For travel voucher	5.20
Leonard W. Bauer & Alma J. Bauer, Venice, Fla.	
Refund, Deed No. 20115	67.25
News-Press Pub. Co., Ft. Myers, Fla.	
Re-issue 6-month old warrant	6.60
TOTAL	\$73,337.77

Financial statements for the month of February are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of February 1, 1953	\$168,348.56
Receipts for the Month:	
Land Sales - Gross	\$69,387.35
Less Returned ck.	500.00
Land Sales - Net	\$68,887.35
Quitclaim Deeds	20.00
Sale of Fill Material	100.00
Interest on Contracts	494.03
Tax Refunds	1,440.28
Advertising Refund	23.00
Satisfaction of mortgage	7,500.00
Warrant No. 1648, outdated & restored	237.00
Sand, Shell and Gravel Leases	6,216.26
Grazing Leases	448.05
Mineral Lease	165.38
Miscellaneous Lease	275.00
Timber Lease	29.20
Oil Leases	205.45
Certified Copy of Trustees Minutes	10.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1953	\$86,051.00
GRAND TOTAL	254,399.56
Less Disbursements for the Month	119,637.81
BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1953	\$134,761.75

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1953

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
2/5/53	197840	State Treasurer - To Gen. Rev. Fund, Palm Beach Deed 025-Ch. 21684	\$ 50.00
2/6/53	199477	W. R. Culbreath	75.23
2/9/53	202118	J. O. Carlisle	33,025.48
	202119	Cawthon Elec. Co.	4,298.10
2/11/53	205581	A. R. Williams	54.93

	205582	Southeastern Telephone Co.	27.65
	205583	Western Union Telegraph Co.	4.75
	205584	State Office Supply	63.04
	205585	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	2.70
	205586	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	1.70
	205587	DeLand Sun News	43.70
	205588	News-Journal Corp	18.40
	205589	National Title Ins. Co.	50.00
	205590	Carroll & Bunyon	35.00
2/13/53	208796	Jack Culpepper	2,820.75
2/16/53	240435	Bryce Elevator Co.	6,082.51
	240436	Florida State Improvement Comm.	5,392.79
2/17/53	212104	W. R. Culbreath	58.73
	212105	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	61.10
	212106	J. Alex Arnette, CCC	1.55
	212107	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	15.00
	212108	Richey, Story & Hussey	50.00
	212109	Scott Register	25.00
	212110	Avery W. Gilkerson, CCC	2.40
	212111	Stuart Daily News	30.00
	212112	Clearwater Sun	12.47
	212113	The Key West Citizen	23.00
	212114	Earnest Overstreet, Tax Collector	59.70
2/18/53	212971	Bernard M. Shotkin, Pres. Bd. of Trade	41.67
2/19/53	214323	Deeb Builders	28,733.54
2/21/53	216740	State Treas. - to Gen. Rev. Fund Okaloosa Co. Deed 03-Ch.	21684 43.29
	216741	State Treas. - Transfer to Principal State School Fund	21,105.36
	216742	State Treas. - for State Board of Conservation	4,758.96
2/23/53	216972	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	36.99
2/24/53	217547	General Elec. Supply Corp.	1,110.48
2/28/53	205689	F. C. Elliot	622.25
	205690	A. R. Williams	384.35
	205691	A. C. Bridges	311.26
	205692	J. B. Linn	293.35
	205693	M. O. Barco	218.03
	205694	J. Dedge	297.56
	205695	B. G. Sheller	189.55
	205696	Sinclair Wells	166.25
	205697	C. M. Greene	47.50
	205698	R. N. Landers	23.75
	205699	Blue Cross of Florida	24.40
	205700	Southern States Life Ins. Co.	17.55
	205701	5% Retirement Fund	139.24
	205702	Federal Tax	411.60
	222079	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	4,172.59
	222080	John Gray	2,107.59
	222081	Westinghouse Elec. Supply Co.	1,809.00
	223018	Hardware Mutual Ins. Co. of Minn.	124.72

223019	Midyette-Moor Ins. Co.	12.01
223020	Marchant Calculators	36.00
223021	Okaloosa News-Journal	3.85
223022	Standard Oil Co.	9.44

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF
FEBRUARY, 1953 \$119,637.81

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of February 1, 1953	\$3,500.00
Receipts for the Month:	
Feb. 11, Lake County Commissioners	750.00
GRAND TOTAL	4,250.00
Disbursements for the Month:	- 0 -
BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1953	\$4,250.00

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Receipts to General Revenue:

Date	Amount
Feb. 2, 1953	\$4,779.75
Feb. 16, 1953	1,586.75

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH OF
FEBRUARY, 1953 6,366.50

Disbursements from General Revenue:

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
2-6-53	199612	The Key West Citizen	\$ 26.45
	199613	Capital City Publishing Co.	24.15
2-28-53	202732	Ernest Hewitt	315.33
	202733	M. C. Pichard	220.06
	202734	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	7.75
	202735	5% Retirement Fund	18.58
	202736	Withholding Tax	56.60

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF
FEBRUARY, 1953 \$668.92

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296.

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
ALACHUA	7-23-52	4
CLAY	3-7-53	1
ESCAMBIA	2-27-53	2
HERNANDO	12-10-52	2
JACKSON	3-2-53	1
OSCEOLA	1-5-53	17
PINELLAS	3-4-53	2
POLK	12-26-52	9

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following deeds be authorized, executed and delivered upon payment of \$5.00 each deed:

Palm Beach County Deed No. 429—Duplicate in favor of Mimmie Ketchum, in lieu of original Deed No. 429 dated August 20, 1940, to same grantee, the original having been lost prior to recording;

Hillsborough County Deed No. 3641—Correction to W. N. Perry issued for the purpose of including certificate omitted in original Hillsborough County Deed No. 3641 to same grantee, dated Oct. 13, 1944.

Marion County Special Case was presented with offer of \$1.25 per lot as base bid for advertising 293 lots in Ocala Heights No. 1 Subdivision, located in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 15 South, Range 23 East, Marion County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised with a base bid of \$1.25 per lot.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Polk County, acting as Agent for the Trustees, that reconsideration be given to action of Trustees March 10, 1953, on bids of Henry T. Nafziger as listed on Report No. 156, sale of December 26, 1952, which were less than the base bids fixed by the rules.

Upon recommendation from the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize acceptance of bids at \$2.50 per lot for all lots 25 feet in width and under, and \$5.00 per lot for all lots having a width of over 25 feet where a bid of less than that amount was made by Mr. Nafziger at the sale of December 26, 1952.

Request was presented from Commonwealth Oil Company that the Trustees approve assignment to Sinclair Oil Company of one-half interest in the reserved interest covered by Commonwealth Lease No. 7-MA, Monroe County land.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve assignment from Commonwealth to Sinclair Oil Company as requested.

See Trustees Item with reference to withdrawal of beach areas on the open ocean or gulf, which applies to lands under Chapter 18296.

Mr. Elliot reported that as a result of correspondence and personal discussion with Mr. C. E. Duncan, attorney of Tavares, Florida, on the question of certain municipal subdivision lots presumed to have bordered upon Lake Eustis, in Lake County, Florida, he has made examination of the records and actual physical facts and finds as follows:

That the municipal subdivision lots located on land bordering upon Lake Eustis in Lake County, Florida, are shown by the Government surveys of 1849 and 1850 to be lakeward of the Government lot line or the meander of the land and to be as shown by the plats, bottoms of Lake Eustis. Much of the land was actually high, dry land with ancient oak trees growing on the same. In 1928 a re-survey of the area bordering Lake Eustis was made by the United States. The 1849 and 1850 surveys were declared to be erroneous.

The title to the land between the surveys of 1849 and 1850 and the survey of 1928 had never passed out of the United States, but during the 1920 Florida Land Boom much of this land was subdivided into municipal lots and sold and were entered upon the tax roll of the county by the presumed holders of title from the supposed owners of the subdivision, including the land lakeward from the original 1849 and 1850 government meander. Since the title to the land was in the United States it was not subject to taxes, but for non-payment thereof some of the lots were presumed to have reverted to the State under the Murphy Act.

By an Act of Congress of 1928 it was provided that all parties who claimed record title to the newly discovered land would have the sole right to apply to the United States for patent. Many persons who had taken title from the presumed owner of the subdivision occupied and improved the land. For the reason stated above, their title failed. The Act of Congress gives them the opportunity of acquiring title from the United States. The State under the Murphy Act has as good a record claim of title as the private person. Seven (7) of these lots are presumed to have passed to the state under the Murphy Act. Under the rule of the Trustees the minimum for which the lots may be acquired is \$5.00. Mr. C. E. Duncan of Tavares has represented a great number of lot owners in procuring title from the United States under the Act of Congress above referred to. He now asks that the state quitclaim and disclaim title to the person presumed to have been the former owner in order that such person may have a basis for making application to the U. S. for patent. He offers \$5.00 per lot for the 7 lots, which is at the same rate the lots would be sold at regular sale under the Murphy Act. The Attorney General's office has approved issuance of quitclaim deed or deeds at the price offered.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of quitclaim deeds in favor of the presumed owner or owners of said lots at the price offered—

\$5.00 per lot—for the purpose of disclaiming any interest the State may have by virtue of certificates issued under the Murphy Act.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize disclaiming interest in certificates covering land in Franklin County, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vest no title in the State to the land covered thereby.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be paid, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$371.66
M. C. Picard, Secretary-Clerk	246.66
F. A. Parker, CCC Taylor County	
Refund, Murphy Act Deed No. 333	40.00
TOTAL	\$658.32

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller - Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

March 24, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated March 10, 1953, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells reported that the State Board of Education, by Deed No. 4245 dated March 18, 1943, conveyed to Miami Beach First National Bank, as Trustees, certain lands in Broward County which the said Board did not own but which were owned by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. The grantee of the School Board has paid all taxes on the land since receiving deed.

It is recommended that the Trustees convey to the State Board of Education that part of Tier 24, Section 13, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, for an amount per acre received by said School Board, or a total of \$183.86. The School Board may then deed their original grantee the said land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to the State Board of Education of the 8.68 acres of Tier 24, Section 13, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County, at a price of \$183.86.

Mr. Wells presented six applications to purchase submerged and semi-submerged land adjacent to upland property of applicants and recommended that the following parcels be advertised for objections only as provided by law:

1. Mr. John P. Goggin, on behalf of Mr. Frederick C. Allen, offers \$100.00 for 0.068 of an acre on Summerland Key, in front of upland property in Section 28, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, Monroe County;
2. Mr. John P. Goggin, on behalf of Hudgins & Alfonso, Inc., offers \$200.00 an acre for 0.46 of an acre of bay bottom land adjacent to their upland property in Section 28, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, Monroe County;
3. Mr. W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Carlton H. Hunt, offers \$200.00 an acre for 0.4 of an acre of bay bottom land opposite his upland property in Government Lot 2, Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County;
4. Mr. W. A. Parrish, on behalf of the Florida Keys Electric Co-Op Ass'n, offers \$200.00 an acre for 2.1 acres of bay bottom land opposite their upland property in Government Lot 3, Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County;
5. Mr. H. R. Finch, Jr., offers \$200.00 an acre for 0.60 of an acre of bay bottom land adjacent to his upland property in Sections 14 and 15, Township 65 South, Range 34 East, Monroe County, and
6. Mr. Al W. Furen, on behalf of John David Fulford, offers \$100.00 an acre for 38.8 acres of submerged land adjacent to property previously purchased by him in Section 10, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to have the six parcels of land advertised for objections only as required by law, based on offers submitted.

Mr. Dewey M. Johnson, on behalf of Southern Sales Company, Inc., offers \$6.00 an acre for all of section 35, Township 2 North, Range 18 East, and all of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 18 East, except the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Columbia County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting with an offer of \$6.00 an acre.

Mr. Elliot introduced Major Carl L. Sackett and Mr. Joseph Glenn Weimer, holders of Sawgrass Lease No. 746, and Dr. Reavis Sproull, Executive Director of Herty Foundation Laboratory at Savannah, Georgia, who desire to report to the Trustees with reference to their operations in connection with sawgrass in Florida.

Major Sackett explained that Weimer and Sackett, Associated, were engaged in developing sawgrass pulp from which to produce newsprint; that Mr. Weimer of Montevideo, Uruguay, is well-known and respected in pulp and paper circles and is an authority on waste utilization; that they are here today to submit a progress report on their activities and endeavors to develop paper from sawgrass; that the technical work in connection with their operations has been under the direction of Dr. Sproull of the Herty Laboratory. Major Sackett stated that he would like Mr. Weimer to explain certain phases of their work and what has been accomplished.

Mr. Weimer reviewed the Progress Report, copies of which have already been furnished the members of the Trustees. He explained the development of pulp from sawgrass, starting nearly thirty years ago at Leesburg, Florida, where it was demonstrated that newsprint could be produced from sawgrass. He stated that it was proposed to erect with private capital a mill in the Everglades area for producing the pulp from which to make newsprint: that this mill will be expanded into a forty to fifty ton integrated mill, the daily production of which could be consumed by several Florida newspapers.

Mr. Weimer announced that Mr. John Tapers of the Tallahassee Democrat has agreed to make a trial run to test this paper and this demonstration has been arranged for March 27, 1953, and is being done for the purpose of demonstrating to the Trustees what can be done with sawgrass newsprint. He stated that he and associates are not seeking any financial help or asking for anything except the opportunity to show what has been accomplished so far; they have no intention of promoting a stockselling scheme; their group consists of substantial well-known people such as Nobles and Wood who installed the pulp refining equipment of the St. Regis Paper Mill at Jacksonville, another at Palatka and one at New Orleans.

The amount of sawgrass necessary to support this industry, the systematic cutting and replacement of the grass and the time to be allowed between cuttings was explained; also the benefit of systematic cutting of the sawgrass in controlling muck fires in the Everglades.

Mr. Weimer stated it was the intention of his group to fulfill its contract by building the mill within the time limit under the lease; that they will bring about an industry that will mean bringing into the Everglades a number of mills of greater capacity.

Dr. Sproull stated that Mr. Weimer has covered the subject well, and he briefly outlined the policies of the Herty Foundation and their thoroughness in testing any new products; their main interest is taking things that grow in the South, not heretofore made use of, and developing a new industry. The process used in developing bagasse was mentioned. He stated that paper made from sawgrass was better than that made from bagasse.

Mr. Mayo stated that he has read the report of Weimer and Sackett very carefully and congratulated them on the fine job of research done on this project; that it means a new industry to Florida and will be very helpful in controlling the fire hazard in the Everglades by keeping the grass cut. He asked Mr. Weimer about how long before he thought the mill would be in operation.

Mr. Weimer stated that there would be a number of details to be worked out, such as location of the mill which will necessarily need to be close to a main highway, study of the power situation and other requirements, but they hope to start construction before three months.

Analysis of the water in the Everglades area was mentioned and Mr. Weimer stated that it was very important and that there are beneficial elements in the water down there that they cannot get elsewhere.

Mr. Larson stated that he was very much interested and gratified at the report and he concurred in Mr. Mayo's statements; that he was especially interested to learn that they did not intend developing a promotional scheme, but have ample finances to carry out their plans and build the mill.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that it be the consensus of this board that they recognize the efforts of Major Sackett, Mr. Joseph Glenn Weimer, Dr. Sproull of the Herty Foundation, for bringing to the Trustees this detailed, voluminous and far-reaching report at this time. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote unanimously adopted.

Mr. Weimer stated that they are greatly indebted to the Florida State Improvement Commission for the assistance that agency has given in connection with their work and report.

Senator Turner Davis of Madison was present and stated that it was a pleasure and privilege to be present and have the opportunity of hearing the discussion on this important subject; that Senator Russell Morrow from West Palm Beach was sorry it was not possible for him to be here but that he is for the project and will help in every way possible. Mr. Davis stated that he thinks the Trustees are to be commended for assistance to these gentlemen and the state as a whole, that this group should be thanked by the people of Florida, and Florida

is to be congratulated in having two such men backing a project of this type, that it is his intention to offer at the coming session of the legislature a resolution of thanks to these gentlemen so that the legislature can go on record as showing its appreciation.

Mr. Colin English was present and stated that Mr. Elliot was as well informed as anyone else as to the wild life in the Everglades area, and he has a knowledge of the sawgrass situation since he directed most of the survey work for the state in that section.

Mr. Elliot stated that in connection with wildlife in that area, the cutting of the sawgrass can benefit by opening up territory which will mean larger feeding ground; he does not see where there could be any interference with the works of Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District; that it will be beneficial to agricultural areas by protection from fire as referred to by Mr. Mayo.

Attorney General Ervin thanked all parties for being present and participating in the discussions on this subject.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
CHARLOTTE	1-5-53	24
CHARLOTTE	1-26-53	1
CLAY	1-24-53	3
FRANKLIN	3-9-53	1
FRANKLIN	3-16-53	2
HARDEE	2-2-53	2
JACKSON	3-16-53	1
JEFFERSON	3-18-53	1
LAKE	3-9-53	11
ST. LUCIE	3-16-53	10
TAYLOR	3-7-53	1
VOLUSIA	3-2-53	9
WALTON	4-28-52	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize issuance of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Request was presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County that the Trustees reconsider action heretofore taken on Franklin County Report No. 67 of 1947, on which was listed bid of G. N. Kilbourn, former owner of 2.3 acres of land in Section 19, Township 7 South, Range 4 West. It has since developed that the acreage was erroneously given on the certificate as 23 acres and the bid of \$12.50 by Mr. Kilbourn was insufficient. The correct acreage for the parcel is 2.3 acres, and the bid of \$12.50 is equal to the base bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees rescind its former action and now accept the bid of \$12.50 from G. N. Kilbourn for the 2.3 acres of Franklin County land as described.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

RICHARD W. ERVIN
Attorney General - Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

March 31, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated February 24, March 3 and 17, 1953, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

The Trustees having learned of the serious illness of Mr. Sinclair Wells, the Land Agent, motion was offered by Attorney General Ervin, seconded by Commissioner Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees extend their sympathy to Mr. Wells and assure him of their best wishes for a speedy recovery and his early return to the office.

Request was presented from the State Road Department that the Trustees approve grant of right of way in favor of Florida State Improvement Commission for the use and benefit of the State Road Department, on which to construct a causeway and bridges from Pinellas County, Florida, across Tampa Bay to the mainland in Manatee County, Florida. Mr. Elliot explained that this grant will supersede and vacate a former easement No. 19885 dated September 18, 1951, which instrument contained an error in description.

March 31, 1953

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of the State Road Department and authorize execution of Grant of Right of Way No. 19885-B, which will supersede and vacate instrument No. 19885.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Mr. Carl E. Duncan requesting reconsideration of action taken March 17, 1953, in connection with subdivision lots located on land bordering upon Lake Eustis in Lake County, Florida. Mr. Duncan advises that the supposed former owners of the seven lots in which he is interested and which were certified to the State under the Murphy Act, cannot be located, the land having been assessed on the tax roll as "unknown", and he desires quitclaim deed executed in his name.

Upon discussion of the request, the Trustees were of the opinion that some provision should be made in the deed that if any former owner desires, he could recover title to the lots he was presumed to have owned.

Attorney General Ervin suggested that the Trustees convey the lots to Mr. Duncan as trustee or administrator, for the reason that he is not the former owner and although the land was certified to the State under the Murphy Act, title was still in the United States; that Mr. Duncan, acting as attorney trying to work out the title situation, be put in position where he can clear ownership of these lots either by disclaimer or instrument in trust, so that anyone having rights may be able to get their interest straightened out.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the suggestion of the Attorney General be approved and that he be requested to prepare the proper provision to include in the deed for taking care of any claimant's interest.

Request was presented from Mr. H. H. Baskin, Sr., of Clearwater, Florida, with reference to correction of error in Deed No. 19275-A-Corrective, the said deed having been recorded before error was discovered.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize correction of the error in said deed, to be evidenced by affidavit executed by Commissioner of Agriculture Nathan Mayo, attached to the deed and recorded in the records of Pinellas County.

Letter was presented from Mr. J. M. Boyd, County Engineer for Palm Beach County, transmitting two resolutions adopted by Pelican Bay Co-Op, requesting that roads be constructed into the area leased by the Veterans under Leases 715, 716 and 717, on Palm Beach County land.

Mr. Elliot explained that the request would involve building 7.3 miles of road in Project No. 1 and 1 mile in Project No. 2.

The matter of roads was discussed in December last year with representatives of the Veterans Co-Operative. It was explained to them that if the roads were built the cost could be added to the other improvements and pro-rated over the lease period. Mr. Boyd estimated that the cost would be approximately \$10,000 per mile. The cost in Project No. 1, including interest at 4 per cent per annum would be approximately \$2.26 per acre per annum over a period of nine (9) years, and for Project No. 2 approximately \$2.05 per acre per annum. In the resolutions there was nothing said about the veterans paying for the roads.

Mr. Elliot suggested that if the lessees agree to pay the increased cost per acre and include it in the lease amount, that the Trustees provide the roads for Projects 1 and 2 and add the cost to the lease payments.

Mr. Elliot also stated that in order to connect the road in Project No. 2 with State Road from Belle Glade to Pahokee it would be necessary for the Trustees at their own cost to construct a suitable road one and three quarters (1-3/4) miles long through lands owned by the Trustees now used by Glades State Prison Farm.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the suggestion of Mr. Elliot, provided the Veterans Co-Op will agree to pay the cost of building the roads within the project areas pro-rated over the lease period.

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees March 3, 1953, he had written the Attorney General with reference to action taken by the State Board of Education February 17, 1953, on the erroneous sale to Ralph T. Ganary of land in Sarasota County, owned by the United States.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the letter from the Secretary and the Attorney General's reply be entered as part of the minutes of the Trustees.

March 4, 1953

Honorable Richard W. Ervin
Attorney General
Capitol Building

Dear Mr. Ervin:

The following is an excerpt from the Minutes of the meeting of the State Board of Education on February 17, 1953:

"Mr. Wells stated that Government Lot 3, Section 36, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, containing .5 of an acre of land in Sarasota County, the same being school indemnity land, had been deeded to Ralph T. Ganary, et ux, by the State Board of Education of Florida, by deed No. 4420, dated January 14, 1953, for \$100.00 cash payment. Following this negotiation, it had been discov-

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ered that due to an improper survey made prior to the sale of this portion of land, the above lot had been subdivided and sold to innocent purchasers.

"Mr. Wells recommended that since the State Board of Education of Florida had no funds with which to make a refund to the purchaser, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund refund the amount to Mr. Ganary and take title to the land.

"Mr. Larson moved and Mr. Ervin seconded the motion that the State Board of Education give its approval to the recommendation made by Mr. Wells and let him work out the transaction with the Trustees. Motion passed unanimously."

No action was taken by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on that date. At the meeting of the Trustees on March 3 it was referred to you as Attorney General. I give you below what I have found in examining into the matter and my analysis of the situation.

The land in question is located in Section 36 of Township 36 South, Range 17 East. This township was surveyed by the United States in 1877. Field notes thereof and plat were prepared and approved the same year. Two original township plats were approved, both purporting to be identical. Photostat of each is attached. One plat, which I shall refer to as Plat "A", shows the land in Section 36 as consisting of three lots numbered 1, 2 and 3; the other plat, which I shall refer to as Plat "B", shows the same lots to be numbered 1, 1 and 2, Plat "B" having two lots in the same section bearing the number 1 and one lot numbered 2. Lot 3 of plat "A" is identical with Lot 2 of plat "B".

In 1884 the United States patented Lot #2 of plat "B" to Thomas G. Edmundson; in 1929 the United States patented Lot #3 of Plat "A" to the State as School Land so that two patents issued out of the United States to the same land, but described by different lot numbers. While on Plat "B" the two lots numbered 1 leads to confusion as to which is which, there can be no uncertainty as to Lot 2 and Lot 3 being identical on their respective plats. That being so, it would appear that when the United States divested itself of the title to Lot 2 of Plat "B" by prior patent, it had no title to convey covering the same land by a subsequent patent, no matter by what designation the land be described. The patent to the state was the subsequent one. Again, that being so, I do not think the School Board has any title to convey to the Trustees; neither do I think the Trustees should buy a non-existing title for the purpose of making a refund to the School Board's grantee, for which the statutory authority given the Trustees for refund in case title fails to the Trustees' owned land does not apply.

The matter can be disposed of directly without title (?)

transfer through payment by Trustees to the School Board's intended grantee of the amount erroneously accepted by the School Board and deduct the same from payments to be made to the State Board of Education on behalf of the School Fund in the regular order of business transacted between the Trustees and the School Board.

Respectfully,

F. C. ELLIOT

Engineer and Secretary

FCE/b
cc to Mr. Bailey

March 4, 1953

Trustees Internal Improvement Fund
Capitol Building
Tallahassee, Florida

Re: Sale of Lot 3, Section 36, Township 36 South,
Range 17 East, by the State Board of Education

Gentlemen:

We have your letter of the 4th, in which appears copies of minutes of the State Board of Education of February 17, 1953, relative to the Trustees refunding the purchase price of certain lands sold by the State Board of Education, the State's title to which has failed or is non-existent.

The Trustees have no authority to pay any of the obligations of the State Board of Education, at least in the absence of a statute so providing. There is no such statute authorizing the payment of the sums indicated.

There seems to be a mistaken idea that the State Board of Education under such circumstances has no authority to make a refund of moneys wrongfully received by it. Although the permanent state school fund (Section 3, Article XII, State Constitution) is sacred and inviolate (Section 5, Article XII, State Constitution) so that funds *legally paid* into the fund must be used for the purposes therein mentioned, there was never any intention on the part of framers of the Constitution and the people who adopted it that it should ever be used as a vehicle of oppression or constructive fraud. This fund is a trust fund within the purview of Section 215.30, et seq., Florida Statutes, and a fund within the State Treasury within the purview of Section 215.26, Florida Statutes. Even estate funds that escheat to this fund may be refunded to the person entitled thereto when application is made within the time allowed by statute (Section 731.33, Florida Statutes). Only funds legally belonging to the permanent school fund become a part of it so as to become sacred and inviolate.

There appears to be no reason why the funds in question,

March 31, 1953

upon a proper showing, might not be refunded pursuant to Section 215.26, Florida Statutes. (See Opinion 050-400).

Yours very truly,

Richard W. Ervin
Attorney General

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Mr. Elliot presented letter from Mr. James Baynard of St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, in which he stated that his client, Mr. Joseph Friedman, has bulkheaded and filled submerged lands owned by him lying in Government Lot 1, Section 6, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County on Boca Ciega Bay; that he purchased from the Trustees at a cost of \$395.00 the material used to fill the parcel, but the Title Insurance Company is reluctant to issue a Title Policy unless a deed to said land has been given by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of quitclaim deed in favor of Mr. Friedman in pursuance of Section 271.01, Florida Statutes in order that he may have a recordable instrument evidencing title to the bulk-headed and filled area.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	9-24-52	1
Bay	3-16-53	15
Duval	11-26-52	1
Hardee	1-5-53	1
Hardee	2-16-53	7
Okaloosa	3-2-53	3

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted that the following deeds be approved for execution, the Attorney General's office having approved issuance for the reasons given:

Okaloosa County Deed No. 04-21684 to Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to correct certificate numbers listed in Okaloosa County Deeds Nos. 02-Chapter 21684 and 03-Chapter 21684, from the State under Chapter 18296 to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund under Chapter 610, the land covered being in Townsite of Port Dixie; also

Jackson County Deed No. 510-Cor. to Pauline Jones, issued to correct description in original Deed No. 510 issued September 3, 1947 to same grantee; and

Sarasota County Deed No. 893-Cor. to D. G. Smith to correct description in original Deed No. 893 dated November 27, 1945 to same grantee.

Hillsborough County Special Case was presented to the Trustees from T. B. Castiglia with reference to Lots 2, 3 and 4, Block 11, East Tampa S/D, formerly owned by his father. In 1943 the Clerk of the Circuit Court allowed redemption of several tax sale certificates, accepted the amount represented by the Certificates including all legally collectible taxes. Litigation that has been pending against one of the lots has recently been settled and heirs of former owner desire to know what disposition can be made of the Murphy Act title.

Upon recommendation from the Secretary as to disposition of the case, motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the heirs of the former owner be allowed to deposit with the Clerk a minimum amount of \$5.00 per lot, accompanied by affidavit that the said heirs will not make application to the county or to the state for refund of any moneys paid on account of redemption of tax sale certificates or taxes paid; that the Clerk of the Circuit Court then advertise the land stating in the advertisement that the said sale is held for the purpose of perfecting title in the heirs of former owner. It was so ordered.

Okaloosa County - Application was presented from Lt. Commander John Gray to purchase Murphy Act land adjacent to Port Dixie property recently purchased from the state.

Information was furnished that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okaloosa County, acting as agent for the Trustees, told Commander Gray that he would conduct no further sales of Murphy Act lands until he was paid for expenses incurred in the sale of Port Dixie lots.

The subject was discussed and suggestion made that the Clerk furnish the Trustees with a complete, itemized statement of expenses incurred; also suggestion was made that if the Clerk is not carrying forward sales of Murphy Act land, that this board instruct the Secretary to take the matter up with the Governor.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that Mr. Elliot request the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okaloosa County to furnish the Trustees with itemized statement of all expenses incurred by him in connection with the sale of Port Dixie lots, which sale the Trustees rejected, and that copy of the advertisement, with affidavit of publication and receipted bill for same, also be furnished the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that Mr. Elliot advise Commander John Gray that if the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okaloosa County refuses to put up for sale, through the regular channels, the lands de-

sired to be purchased, that the Trustees will proceed to advertise for bids and sell the land at Tallahassee. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ervin and upon vote adopted.

Request was presented from the Town of Perry, Florida, for conveyance of the \$1/2 of Lot 1, Block 56, J. C. Curls Addition North to Town of Perry, Taylor County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcel under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, upon payment of \$37.50 which is equal to the base bid required in regular sales.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain certificates under the Murphy Act, issued against land in Escambia and Franklin Counties, as approved by the Attorney General for the reason that the said certificates vested no title in the state.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
COMPTROLLER - ACTING CHAIRMAN

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

April 7, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

On February 24, 1953, Mr. W. L. Feldman offered \$100.00 an acre for Lot 9, Section 18, Township 41 South, Range 20 East, containing 12.21 acres, more or less, in Charlotte County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids starting at \$100.00 an acre and notice was published in the Punta Gorda Herald on March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 1953, with sale to be held on this date.

The land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$325.00 an acre being offered by Mr. Feldman.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Feldman—\$325.00 an acre—for the Charlotte County land.

On January 7, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 per parcel from Mr. Robert S. Baynard, on behalf of J. K. Hill, Loring Pratt and Robert Baynard, for the purchase of three parcels of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay, in Section 6, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, containing one-half (1/2) acre, more or less in Sarasota County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on February 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Baynard and his clients at the price offered—\$100.00 per parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the following bill and request the Comptroller to issue warrant in payment thereof:

Coastal Petroleum Company Refund of overpayment on Drilling Lease No. 224-B	\$173.45
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SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under the Murphy Act:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
BAY	4-3-53	12
FRANKLIN	3-30-53	2
LEVY	3-21-53	1
PUTNAM	4-4-53	1
TAYLOR	2-28-53	2

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of Orange County Deed No. 932-Cor. to Charles G. Medlin and George Kline, for the purpose of

correcting the spelling in name of grantee in original Deed No. 932
dated June 8, 1943.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve execution of the following deeds for the purpose of releasing state road right of way reserved in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department:

Broward County Q.C. Deed No. 756 to T. S. Pridemore
and W. Marion Walton

Broward Co. Q. C. Deed No. 2848 to T. S. Pridemore and
W. Marion Walton

Broward Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1062 to Leonard Flynn & Mae Flynn

Pt. Broward Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2301 to Walter C. Burwick & wife

Pt. Dade Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1467 to R. C. Collins

Dade Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1482 to R. C. Collins

Dade Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1480 to Bonita Investment Co.

Dade Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4305-EDDJ to The Archem Corp.

Pt. Duval Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1247 to Aubrey M. Barry & wife

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 596 to Norman Maida

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1073 to Ida M. Ryan
& husband

Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed No. 4447 to A. S. Johnson & wife

Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3089 to Fred C. Miller & wife

Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deeds Nos. 3420, 3542 & 3718 to
Nathan Geller & wife

Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4350 to George Ricker

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4356 to Agnes F. Moon,
Norman Fleming & Doris E. Fleming

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4356 to H. B. Montgomery
& S. J. Emerick

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4356 to Howard L. Garrett

Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4631 to Gottfred Bleich & wife

Pt. Lee County Q.C. Deed No. 160 to William P. McPhee

Pinellas County Q.C. Deed No. 1107 to Harry R. Playford

Pt. Volusia County Q.C. Deeds Nos. 1632 and 2627 to
E. G. Mellette & wife.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller - Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

April 14, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

The minutes of the Trustees dated March 24, 31, and April 7, 1953, were presented for approval, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Letter was presented from Mr. John W. Ball, Special Attorney, U. S. Department of Justice, asking what the state's position is with respect to extension of Camp Lease No. 303 issued to Arthur W. Cuscaden on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, Township 20 South, Range 16 East, Citrus County, in view of the pending condemnation suit instituted by the United States, which includes this parcel. The lease to Mr. Cuscaden expires July 15, 1953.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees notify Mr. Cuscaden that Lease No. 303 in his favor will not be renewed, in view of the pending condemnation proceedings instituted by the United States affecting the land under lease.

Mr. Ralph Hinson submitted an offer of \$10.00 an acre for purchase of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 24 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise for competitive bids the land applied for by Mr. Hinson, the bidding to start at \$10.00 an acre.

Mr. Fred Alander offered \$100.00 an acre for purchase of Government Lot 3, Section 19, and Government Lots 1 and 3, Section 30, all in Township 47 South, Range 25 East, Lee County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise for competitive bids and objections the land applied for by Mr. Alander, the bidding to start at \$100.00 an acre.

Mr. Jacob Wagner offers \$10.00 per lot for Lots 7 to 10, inclusive, Block 3, and Lots 5 and 9, Block 6, Sweetwater Estates Subdivision, and Lot 16, Block 18, Sweetwater Golf Course Townsite Subdivision, all located in Section 1, Township 54 South, Range 39 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids based on offer from Mr. Wagner.

Request was presented from J. L. McCord, Executive Vice-President of Commonwealth Oil Company, that the Trustees approve the following assignments on State Lease No. 362 in favor of J. P. Scranton, covering 48,500 acres of land in Dade and Monroe Counties:

1. Assignment by W. F. Nowlin and wife, Jeannette Nowlin to Commonwealth Oil Company of a 3/4 undivided interest;
2. Assignment by Commonwealth Oil Company to W. F. Nowlin and wife Jeannette Nowlin of a 3/8 undivided interest;
3. Assignment by Commonwealth Oil Company to Sinclair Oil and Gas Company of a 3/8 undivided interest.

Copies of the assignments have been filed with the Trustees in the records of the Land Office.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant permission for the three assignments listed above requested by Commonwealth Oil Company.

Mr. C. Fred Peterson offers \$200.00 an acre for purchase of Brother Key in Lot 6, Section 29, and Government Lot 4 in Section 32, both in Township 32 South, Range 16 East, containing a total of 20.23 acres, more or less; also, Government Lot 1, Section 29, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, containing 33 acres, more or less, all in Boca Ciega Bay, Pinellas County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections and competitive bids, based on the offer of \$200.00 an acre.

The following offers were presented for purchase of submerged, semi-submerged and lake bottom lands adjacent to upland ownership of applicants:

1. Mr. Ray F. Weaver offers \$150.00 an acre for approximately 8 acres adjacent to his upland property in Section 32, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County;
2. Mr. William Ross Kirkpatrick offers \$100.00 an acre for

1.9 acres in Tampa Bay adjacent to his upland property in William Brown's Bay View Subdivision in Section 17, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County;

3. Mr. William H. Rohr offers \$200.00 an acre for 1 acre of land in Boca Ciega Bay adjacent to his upland property in Harbor View No. 3 Subdivision, Section 29, Township 30, South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

4. Mr. Harold Schoeppe offers \$200.00 an acre for 1 acre of land in Boca Ciega Bay adjacent to his upland property in Harbor View No. 3 Subdivision, Section 29, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County;

5. Mr. John E. Henderson offers \$200.00 an acre for the purchase of 2.57 acres of land lying adjacent to his upland property in Section 10, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County;

6. Mr. Walter E. Travers offers \$300.00 an acre for purchase of 2.08 acres of lake bottom land adjacent to property recently purchased by him in Section 17, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County;

7. Mr. Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Benjamin Bernstein offers \$150.00 an acre for the purchase of 13.89 acres, more or less, of land in Florida Straits, Monroe County, adjacent to and east of a parcel purchased by applicant under Contract No. 19837;

8. Mr. Kirby L. McClain, Jr., offers \$200.00 an acre for 4.2 acres of land between Raccoon Key and U. S. Highway No. 1, and 30.08 acres of land off the southeastern tip of Raccoon Key and between said key and U. S. Highway No. 1, both in Section 25, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County; and

9. Mr. W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Stanley Switlik, offers \$100.00 an acre for the purchase of Parcels 1, 2, 3 and 4, of Sections 26, 27, 34 and 35, Township 65 South, Range 33 East, containing respectively 36 acres, 114 acres, 4 acres, and 97.5 acres, more or less, in Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise for objections only the land described in the above nine (9) applications based on the offers submitted.

Report was made that in 1947 the United States patented to the State of Florida certain lands in Martin County that were formerly a part of an Indian Reservation. The patent made no reference to existing right of way of Seaboard Airline Railroad and of State Road Department right of way, and the land was sold by the Trustees to private persons under Purchase Contracts 20055 and 20295 without reservation for said right of ways.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant easements across the lands in question in favor of the Seaboard Airline Railroad Company and to the State Road Department, deducting the acreage for said easements from Contracts 20055 and 20295 and making adjustment in the contract amounts.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be paid, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	\$ 775.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	475.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	406.66
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant	325.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Secretary	306.66
J. L. Dedge, Clerk-Secretary	361.66
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	246.66
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	175.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	25.00
Transfer to General Revenue - 3%	7,603.30
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To Prin. State School Fund	13,456.33
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State Bd. of Conservation	4,961.97
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tr. to U. S. Geological Survey	4,650.00
Treas. of U. S. - For water investigation	7,420.38
W. B. Scott Decorating Co., Tallahassee, Fla. For painting 2nd floor of Capitol	600.00
Jack Culpepper, Tallahassee, Fla. Payment #4 for drilling deep wells	12,662.25
J. E. Holmes, Sr., Anna Maria, Fla. Refund of overpayment on land purchase	39.00
Coastal Petroleum Company - Refund of overpayment on Lease 224-B	173.45
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	8.88
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	42.80
Standard Oil Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	9.49
W. A. Wynne, CCC Sarasota, Fla. - Recording fee	2.90
Cecil L. Anchors, CCC Okaloosa County Recording fee	3.20
J. Alex Arnette, CCC Palm Beach County Photostatic copy of plat	7.50
Baker-Alford Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	6.52
Eli Roberts Service Station, Tallahassee, Fla.	8.50
Ivey Motors, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.00
Tallahassee Auto Parts Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	20.78
Treasurer of U. S., Washington, D. C. For work on U. S. Geological Survey on Lake Conway	53.00

Bessie Alderman, T. C. Okeechobee County		
E.D.D. taxes for 1952	\$5.02	
C & SFFC Dist taxes for 1952	7.31	
	12.33	
Less 4% Discount .....	.48	11.85
E. B. Leatherman, CCC Dade County		
Delinquent taxes on N½ of NE¼ of 18-58-37 ..		21.03
TOTAL		\$54,914.77

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The following report was presented for consideration of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
DUVAL	2-18-53	4
HOLMES	4-4-53	1
INDIAN RIVER	4-6-53	1
JEFFERSON	3-25-53	1
ORANGE	4-6-53	2
ST. JOHNS	3-5-53	8
SUMTER	4-6-53	2

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of Volusia County Deed No. 3659-Cor. to Lewis F. Law and wife, for the purpose of including in the deed certain tax sale certificate numbers which were omitted from original Deed No. 3659 dated September 15, 1952, in favor of the same grantees.

Mr. Carl E. Duncan of Tavares, Florida, requested reconsideration of a matter acted on by the Trustees March 31, 1953, having reference to subdivision lots on land bordering upon Lake Eustis in Lake County, title to which never passed out of the United States. During the Florida boom the land was subdivided and sold into private ownership. Title to seven of these lots was presumed to have vested in the State under the Murphy Act and the supposed former owners cannot be located. Mr. Duncan is requesting quitclaim deed or disclaimer from the State in order to have a record claim to submit to the United States as a basis for patent to the said lots. He has offered \$35.00 for such conveyance.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopt-

ed, that the Trustees approve execution of disclaimer or quitclaim deed in favor of Mr. Duncan to Lot 20, Block 1; Lots 14 and 15, Block M; Lots 1 and 2, Block Q, according to Plat of Lakewood Park; also Lot D, Block 2, and Lot W, Block 8, in the Town of Tavares, as shown on Government Survey in 1928, covering portions of Sections 20, 29 and 30, Township 19 South, Range 26 East; payment to be at the rate of \$5.00 per lot which is equal to the base bid at regular sale for Murphy Act lands.

The Attorney General was requested to work out with Mr. Duncan the form of disclaimer or quitclaim.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Franklin County certificates which have been approved by the Attorney General's office for cancellation on the ground that the said certificates did not vest any title in the State.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries be approved and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$371.66
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	246.66
Total	\$618.32

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY

Comptroller - Acting Chairman

Attest: Jentye Dedge
Acting Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

April 21, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

Mr. Elliot presented the minutes of the Trustees of the Internal

Improvement Fund dated April 7, 1953, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

On February 24, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from S. Henry Harris, on behalf of Andrew Keresztury and wife, for purchase of 2.19 acres of submerged land in Section 30, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida, lying adjacent to upland property of applicants. The Trustees authorized the land advertised for objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on March 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and objections were filed to the sale by West Coast Inland Navigation District on the ground that a portion of the area advertised for sale will probably encroach upon proposed right of way of the Inland Waterway.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the sale be held up pending disposition of the objections filed.

On March 17, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Al W. Furen, on behalf of John David Fulford, for purchase of 78.51 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay, lying in Section 10, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County Florida, lying adjacent to upland property of applicant. The Trustees authorized the land advertised for objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on March 20, 27, April 3, 10 and 17, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Fulford at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

On February 17, 1953, the Trustees considered request from Henry S. Baynard, on behalf of the City of Pass-a-Grille, for conveyance of 6.65 acres of submerged land in Section 18 Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, Florida, to be used for public purposes only. The Trustees authorized the land advertised for objections only as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on March 20, 27, April 3, 10 and 17, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land in favor of the City of Pass-a-Grille, without cost, the deed to contain restriction that the land be used for public purposes only.

On February 24, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from W. R. Clements, on behalf of William A. Wells and wife, for purchase of a parcel of submerged, semi-submerged, and filled land lying easterly of and across Riverside Drive from Lots 4 and 5, Block 1, Totem Park Subdivision, lying and being in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, containing 0.75 of an acre, more or less, in Volusia County, Florida, adjacent to upland property of applicants. The Trustees authorized the land advertised for objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the DeLand Sun-News on March 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Wells and wife at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

On March 3, 1953, The Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of Frank LeFils and wife, for purchase of a parcel of submerged, semi-submerged and filled land in Indian River North, adjacent to and easterly of Fractional Section 4, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, containing 3.58 acres, more or less, in Volusia County, Florida, adjoining upland property of applicants. The Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun-News on March 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were presented to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. LeFils and wife at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

On February 24, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$500.00 an acre from Judge C. E. Chillingworth, on behalf of Palm City Company, for purchase of submerged land in Lake Worth abutting on the North 75 feet of the South 1340 feet of Government Lot 4 in Section

10, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, containing 1 acre, more or less, in Palm Beach County, Florida, adjacent to upland property of applicant. The Trustees authorized the land advertised for objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on March 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Palm City Company at the price offered—\$500.00 an acre.

On February 24, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from C. F. Tingler for a parcel of bay bottom land and a small key known as East Sister Rock in the Straits of Florida, all being in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, lying southeasterly of Boot Key, containing 6.95 acres, more or less, in Monroe County, Florida, said parcel being adjacent to upland ownership of applicant. The Trustees authorized the land advertised for objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on March 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of the notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Tingler at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

On February 24, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from C. F. Tingler for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land in the Straits of Florida, adjacent to and East of Government Lot 1, Section 14, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, at Boot Key, Marathon, Monroe County, Florida, containing 17 acres, more or less, said parcel being adjacent to upland ownership of applicant. The Trustees authorized the land advertised for objections only as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on March 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of the notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the parcel in favor of Mr. Tingler at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

Mr. Philip D. Beall, on behalf of William D. Hunter, submitted application for permit to conduct salvage operations in the inside waters of Choctawhatchee Bay in Okaloosa and Walton Counties, Santa Rosa Sound in Okaloosa and Santa Rosa Counties, East Bay and Blackwater Bay in Santa Rosa County, Escambia Bay and Pensacola Bay in Santa Rosa and Escambia Counties, and Escambia River in Escambia County. The applicant proposes to explore and prospect for salvage material such as iron, lead, copper, precious metals, etc., dead-head logs and timbers, and any form of treasure. Mr. Beall offers \$100.00 for said permit, and payment to the Trustees of twenty-five percent (25%) of the value of all material recovered.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of Mr. Beall for a period of one (1) year upon payment of amount offered and one-fourth value of all material recovered.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged and semi-submerged land with recommendation that the parcels be advertised for objections only, the applicant in each case being the adjacent upland owner:

1. Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Virginia D. Benner, offers \$100.00 an acre for 6.48 acres of submerged land adjacent to her upland property in Safety Harbor, Section 27, Township 28 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County;
2. Mr. N. W. Berger, on behalf of Graham P. Stansbury, offers \$100.00 an acre for 3.2 acres of submerged land in Section 29, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County;
3. Mr. Nick E. Stamathis, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Koundouriotis, offers \$200.00 an acre for purchase of submerged land in Kremer Bayou, Section 11, Township 27 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County;
4. Mr. Al W. Furen, on behalf of John David Fulford, offers \$100.00 an acre for Parcel "F", comprising 33.9 acres, and parcel "G", comprising 58.1 acres of submerged land adjacent to property recently purchased by applicant in Section 10, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only, based on offers from adjacent upland owners.

Mr. H. H. Baskin, on behalf of W. D. Owens, H. H. Baskin, B. G. Brumby, Jr., and J. B. Owens, offers \$200.00 an acre for approximately thirty (30) acres of semi-submerged and submerged lands lying between Little Pass and Clearwater Harbor, at the Southeasterly end of Clearwater Beach Island, in Section 17, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County. Mr. Baskin requests that a deduc-

tion of \$1,292.50 be allowed in amount covering the price of the north-easterly 10.34 acres, which were previously purchased by Mr. Baskin's grantor under Deed No. 19227, dated October 18, 1946, at a price of \$125.00 an acre. It was explained that said deed contained a clause that the parcel would not be improved in any way. The restriction was inadvertently overlooked and the area was filled and improved, by reason of which title re-vested in the State. It will now be necessary to advertise for objections only the 10.34 acres, which is included in the larger 30-acre tract. Reduction in price is requested to offset the difference between the payment of \$125.00 an acre already made and the \$200.00 an acre price fixed for the remainder of the area applied for.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only on the price basis of \$200.00 an acre, the Trustees agreeing to allow reduction of \$1,292.50 in the purchase price as requested.

Mr. Percy A. Cook offers \$200.00 an acre for two small keys lying in the Straits of Florida, southwesterly of Big Pine Key, in Townships 66 and 67 South, Range 29 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the islands for objections and competitive bids based on offer from Mr. Cook, that the Land Office check with the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials to ascertain if there is any conflict with Overseas Parkway areas.

Mr. Ernest E. Davis makes application to lease for a period of ten (10) years a strip of land 650 feet by 50 feet adjacent to the highway by the old bridge abutment on Card Sound road, in Section 13, Township 59 South, Range 39 East, Monroe County, directly across the road from an area under Lease No. 702 in his name. Mr. Davis offers rental of \$100.00 annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize ten-year lease in favor of Mr. Davis at the rental offered—\$100.00 annually.

Alfred Destin Company, holder of Sand Lease No. 640, makes application for an extension of said lease which expires April 25, 1953. The lease covers an area in Bay Biscayne.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that an extension of two years be authorized with the understanding that the material taken will not be used for filling any area in the Bay, the Attorney General to approve the lease before execution.

Mr. A. L. Lee, holder of Contract No. 18520 covering land in Sec-

tion 34, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County, requests extension in time for payment of \$500.00 due on the contract which is in arrears: \$150.00 principal balance and \$3,292.41 accrued drainage taxes and interest.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant extension of time till October 1, 1953.

The Secretary presented request from Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District for conveyance of the use rights in canal reservation reserved by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in Tract 21, Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Newman's Survey, Broward County, Florida, for use in construction of Canal C-11 and Structure S-13.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the use rights in the tract of land as requested by the District.

Mr. Elliot reported that the State Board of Education today authorized the Trustees to deduct from periodic distribution of funds collected by the Trustees for the said Board the amount of \$183.86, representing the purchase price of 8.68 acres of land in that part of Tier 24, Newman's Survey, lying in Section 13, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County. It was explained that this land was conveyed by the State Board of Education in Deed No. 4245 March 18, 1945, under the impression that said Board was the owner. Recently it was disclosed that title to the land was in the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and in order to clear cloud on title of grantee under Deed No. 4245 it was agreed that the Trustees sell the parcel to the State Board of Education for the amount received by it for the land—\$183.86.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that payment of the amount due be handled as outlined.

Financial Statements for the month of March are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of March 1, 1953	\$134,761.75
Receipts for the Month	
Land Sales—Gross	\$ 59,730.22
Less Returned Checks 19,527.15	
Land Sales—Net	40,203.07
Quitclaim Deeds	35.00
Tax Refunds	298.79
Interest on Contracts	415.95
Refund of Advertising Cost	14.57
Interest from FSIC Lower Tampa	
Bay Bridge Bonds	1,875.00

Interest from FSIC Revenue Certi-		2,645.50
Interest from USA Treasury Bonds		5,000.00
Sale of Certified Copies of Minutes		13.00
Grazing Leases		105.00
Mineral Leases		59.67
Miscellaneous Leases		375.00
Oil Leases		16,131.05
Sand & Shell Leases		6,026.13
Timber Leases		111.41
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR MONTH		
OF MARCH, 1953	\$ 73,309.14	73,309.14
GRAND TOTAL		208,070.89
Less Disbursements for the Month		77,219.37
BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31,		
1953		130,851.52

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 1953

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
3- 5-53	225352	Sinclair Wells	\$ 11.24
3- 6-53	228772	Jack Culpepper	10,777.34
	228773	J. O. Carlile	18,510.55
3- 9-53	231246	A. R. Williams	32.10
3-11-53	234603	Mrs. W. P. Kelly	69.00
3-16-53	240184	Southeastern Telephone Co.	20.65
	240185	Western Union Telegraph Co.	5.32
	240186	Shell Oil Company	8.63
	240187	Mary Bragg	1.45
	240188	Clearwater Sun	14.57
	240189	Sarasota Herald-Tribune	20.70
3-17-53	240456	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer— Tr. to Prin. State School Fund	17,439.55
	240457	State Treasurer—Tr. to State Board Conservation	3,026.40
	241378	Jack Culpepper	3,171.90
3-18-53	243546	Deeb Builders, Inc.	12,770.46
3-19-53	244608	Sinclair Wells	26.24
	244609	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	5.20
	245255	News-Press Pub. Co.	6.60
3-20-53	245790	Leonard W. and Alma J. Bauer	67.25
3-25-53	249636	Cawthon Electric Co.	4,205.98
3-26-53	251423	Capital Office Equipment Co.	39.60
	251424	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	50.00
	251425	Connie W. Raulerson, CCC	1.70
	251426	Jess Mathas, CCC	1.70
	251427	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	3.60
	251428	The Bradenton Herald	11.00
	251429	Graybar Electric Co.	3,537.00
3-31-53	220099	F. C. Elliot	622.25
	220100	A. R. Williams	384.35
	220101	A. C. Bridges	311.26
	220102	J. B. Linn	293.35

220103	M. O. Barco	218.03
220104	J. L. Dedge	297.56
220105	B. G. Shelfer	189.55
220106	Sinclair Wells	166.25
220107	C. M. Greene	47.50
220108	R. N. Landers	23.75
220109	Blue Cross of Florida	24.40
220110	Southern States Life Ins. Co.	17.55
220111	5% Retirement Fund	139.24
220112	Federal Tax	411.60
3- 9-53	State Treasurer — Transfer to Cancellation & Restoration Fund	237.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF MARCH,
1953 \$ 77,219.37

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of March 1, 1953	\$ 4,250.00
Receipts for the Month	None
Disbursements for the Month	None
BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1953	\$ 4,250.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

March 2, 1953	\$ 1,623.55
March 16, 1953	3,234.95

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 1953 \$ 4,858.50

Disbursements from General Revenue:

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
3- 6-53	227806	F. A. Parker, Clerk Circuit Court	\$ 40.00
3-31-53	214702	Ernest Hewitt	315.33
	214703	M. C. Pichard	220.06
	214704	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co. ..	7.75
	214705	5% Retirement Fund	18.58
	214706	Withholding Fund	56.60

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF MARCH,
1953 \$ 658.32

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
ESCAMBIA	4-13-53	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for correcting the name of grantee in each original deed:

Dade County Deed No. 3308—Corrective, to Mary A. Kolar
Hillsborough County Deed No. 4874—Corrective, to Howard
P. Kramer and Inez Kramer.

Mr. Elliot reported that House Bill 372 by Mr. Alexander of Liberty County has been introduced in the Legislature, providing for vesting title in the several counties of Florida to all lands acquired under Chapter 18296 Acts of 1937, and unsold on October 1, 1953; that he would suggest an amendment to the bill providing for surrender by the Trustees of all records in connection with the sale of these lands to the various counties.

The Trustees requested Mr. Elliot to handle the bill as he had done heretofore in similar cases.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller—Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. ELLIOT
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

April 28, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

The Secretary presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated April 14, 1953, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

The following offers were presented for purchase of submerged land adjacent to upland ownership of applicants:

1. Mr. Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Mr. Joe Sirugo, offers \$150.00 an acre for 0.3 of an acre of bay bottom land adjacent to Lot 10, Block

2. Stock Island, Sections 34, 35 and 36, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County;

2. Mr. John W. Williams offers \$150.00 for a small parcel of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Snug Harbor, Section 15, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County;

3. Mr. Peter Hubert offers \$200.00 an acre for 3 acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Harbor View Subdivision No. 2 in Section 29, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the three (3) parcels of land advertised for objections only, based on the offers submitted.

Mr. W. Marion Walton, on behalf of Mr. C. Grady Green and wife, offers \$50.00 an acre for purchase of Tract 23, Block 88, Section 17, Township 48 South, Range 42 East, Broward County.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the tract for objections and for competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$50.00 an acre.

Mr. Julius F. Parker, on behalf of Stevens & Company, Inc., submitted an offer of ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard for a five-year shell lease over areas near Panama City, West Bay, East Bay near Pensacola, and Choctawhatchee Bay.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees deny the application as an exclusive lease is now in effect covering the area applied for by Stevens and Company.

Mr. G. H. Jones offers \$400.00 an acre for the submerged land bayward of his property, bounded on the west by Hilton Haven and on the east by the Key West Swimming Pool, in Monroe County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees deny the application, the Trustees having sometime ago withdrawn from sale any areas along Roosevelt Boulevard.

The Trustees passed for further investigation the application from Clem C. Price, with offer of \$200.00 an acre, for 0.7 of an acre of submerged land in Sun Krest Subdivision on Stock Island, Section 34, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County. A letter is on file from E. E. Schumacker, on behalf of himself and other property owners, objecting to the sale to Mr. Price on the ground that the bay bottom applied for has been a navigable waterway for many years.

Application was presented from Mr. R. L. Newman for purchase of a parcel of land on Sanibel Island, a part of which will be used as right of way for a road and bridge from the mainland. The land applied for comprises approximately 12 acres and is located in Sections 21, 16, 10 and 9, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Lee County.

Mr. Newman was present and stated that he proposed to construct the road and would then probably transfer title to the county for dedication as a county road; that the distance across to the island will be about two and one-half miles.

Mr. Elliott suggested that, if the Trustees are agreeable to the conveyance, the land be withdrawn from sale and a 150 foot right of way be designated, and if and when the county is ready to construct such road that title be transferred to the county for road right of way purposes.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be requested to work out with Mr. Newman some acceptable plan and present to the Trustees at the next meeting.

Application was presented from Mr. Gail D. Griner, Secretary and Treasurer and Chief Engineer, for Radio Station WBOY, Tarpon Springs, Florida, for twenty-year lease covering a parcel of submerged land 400 feet square located in Section 10, Township 27 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, immediately adjoining the western side of the old Tarpon Springs airport property. The old airport property is owned by the city and will be leased or sold to the Radio Station.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of Radio Station WBOY on the parcel described, on which to construct a Radio Transmitting Tower, upon payment of \$10.00, the lease to be for a period of twenty (20) years, or so long within such period as the parcel is used for the purpose described.

Mr. Elliot presented telegram signed by I. R. Meyer Realty Service, The Bay Co., Jake Investment Company, Joe Kelleher, G. Kelleher, Will Rogers, Ed Taber and H. H. Whitcup, urging the Trustees to allow sale of submerged areas surrounding Burlingame Island, advertised for May 5, 1953.

Action taken by three members April 23, 1953, ordered the sale cancelled. This action was taken in view of litigation now before the Supreme Court on appeal by the Trustees against decree of the Circuit Court which confirmed title in Claughton to approximately 20 acres of the land being advertised.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees reaffirm action taken April 23, by three members of the board cancelling the sale, pending outcome of litigation.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following bills be paid, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

Agricultural Insecticide Co., Inc., Belle Glade, Fla., for grass seed	\$ 366.00
Hunt, Salley & Roman, Miami, Fla., Expenses—Trustees v. Claughton	144.38
Capital Office Equipment Co. Inc., Tallahassee	4.00
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville	19.00
Arthur W. Newell, CCC Orange County—Recording fee	1.70
Punta Gorda Herald, Inc., for advertising land sale	13.80
Shell Oil Company, Atlanta, Ga.	18.57
TOTAL	\$ 567.45

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
CHARLOTTE	3-30-53	1
FRANKLIN	4-20-53	1
LAKE	4-13-53	33
LEVY	4-13-53	1
MARION	4- 6-53	2
VOLUSIA	4- 6-53	31

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for correcting errors in original deeds, the Attorney General's office having approved such corrections:

Palm Beach County Deed No. 1226—Cor. to Susie Houston to correct plat book page number in description of the land conveyed in original Deed No. 1226 dated Nov. 21, 1941, to same grantee.

Palm Beach County Deed No. 1773—Cor. to Susie Houston to correct plat book page number in description of the land conveyed in original Deed No. 1773 dated March 21, 1944, to same grantee.

St. Johns County Deed No. 702—Cor. to A. C. Willis and Ella B. Willis, his wife, to more fully describe the parcels of land conveyed in original Deed No. 702 to same grantees.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way across land in Duval County needed in connection with State Road No. 10, Section 7210-109, SRD 85-Rev.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department covering a parcel described as part of Lot "B", Block 2, Pecan Grove S/D of Town of Baldwin, being a strip across the north end of said lot, 18.71 feet wide on the east end and 18.57 feet wide on the west end, containing a total of 492 square feet, more or less.

Request was presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Brevard County for reduction in base bid for advertising 279 lots, comprising 17.72 acres, more or less, in Central Highlands S/D, located in Section 8, Township 28 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County. A prospective purchaser has offered to bid \$10.00 an acre for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the Clerk to advertise the lots with a base bid of \$200.00 for the 17.72 acres, plus costs.

The following applications were presented for reduction in base bid for advertising lots in Volusia County:

D. W. Nation offers \$150.00 for advertising all of Blocks 1, 2 and 3, Yourlando 2nd Addition, located in Section 6, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, and

W. H. Pooser offers \$5.00 per lot for advertising Lots 12 and 13, Block 1, Blue Springs, Section 3, Township 18 South, Range 30 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the Clerk to advertise the land applied for by Mr. Nation with a base bid of \$200.00, and the lots applied for by Mr. Pooser with a base bid of \$5.00 per lot, plus costs in each case.

Request was presented from Mrs. Janet B. Briggs that the Trustees refund to her the amount she paid for Volusia County land conveyed to her in Murphy Act Deed No. 1157 dated March 22, 1943. Mr. Elliot explained that a survey disclosed the land the Trustees deeded to Mrs. Briggs did not exist and it was in order that refund be made.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize refund to Mrs. Briggs of the amount received by the Trustees—\$20.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in Murphy Act certificates covering land in Alachua and Marion Counties, as approved by the Attorney

General, for the reason that the said certificates vested no title in the state to the land covered thereby.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following bill be paid, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrant therefor:

Janet B. Briggs

C/o Jess Mathas, CCC Volusia County
Refund—Deed No. 1157

\$20.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY

Comptroller - Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

May 5, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated April 21, 1953, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the minutes be approved as presented.

On February 17, 1953, the Trustees considered application from Mr. Sherman N. Smith on behalf of Dr. John E. Burt, with offer of \$1.00 an acre annually for ten-year lease of an unsurveyed island in Indian River, known as Round Island, located in Fractional Section 33, Township 33 South, Range 40 East, and Section 4, Township 34 South, Range 40 East, containing 53 acres, more or less, in Indian River and St. Lucie Counties. The Trustees agreed to advertise the island for lease subject to competitive bidding, starting with \$1.00 an acre annually, and notice was published in the Fort Pierce News-Tribune on April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 1953, with bids to be received on this date.

The land was called out and the only bid received was from applicant, \$1.00 an acre annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize ten-year lease in favor of Dr. Burt with rental at \$1.00 an acre annually, thirty (30) day cancellation clause to be inserted in the lease.

On March 17, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Mr. Leo M. Butler on behalf of Mr. Stephen Springett, for purchase of 4.27 acres of submerged land adjacent to Lots 22 and 23, Block 6 of Indian Rocks South Shore Subdivision, in Section 24, Township 30 South, Range 14 East, Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law. Notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and objections were filed by Mr. Joe K. Merrin, Engineer for West Coast Inland Navigation District, on the ground that the property applied for encroaches on the proposed right of way for widening and deepening the Inland Waterway.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that action on the sale be postponed for clearing objections with the Inland Waterway engineer.

On March 17, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Clyde Kirby for purchase of 1.02 acres of submerged land adjacent to Lot 14, Block 1, Country Club Addition to Oldsmar, located in Section 26, Township 28 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, Florida.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 1953, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were presented to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Kirby at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

On March 17, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Snug Harbor Apartments, Inc., for purchase of 1.29 acres of submerged land in the Narrows of Indian Rocks, Section 30, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas Coun-

ty, Florida. It was agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 1953, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were presented to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Snug Harbor Apartments, Inc., at the price offered—\$150.00 an acre.

On March 17, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Mr. N. W. Berger, on behalf of Hazel B. Huffman, for purchase of 30.3 acres of submerged land adjacent to Government Lot 1, Section 3, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, Florida. It was agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Berger at the price offered—\$150.00 an acre.

On March 3, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 from Walter van B. Roberts for purchase of a small un-named island in Lemon Bay, located in Section 18, Township 41 South, Range 20 East, containing 1.5 acres, more or less, in Charlotte County, Florida. It was agreed to advertise the island for objections only, and notice of sale was published in the Punta Gorda Herald on April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1953, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Roberts at the price offered—\$150.00 an acre.

On September 30, 1952, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Frank Evans, on behalf of Cape Haze Corporation, for all of the submerged land in U. S. Government Lots 3, 4 and 5, Section 3, and in Section 2, all in Township 42 South, Range 20 East, Charlotte County, 42.95 acres, more or less. It was agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of the

sale was published in the Punta Gorda Herald on April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Cape Haze Corporation at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

On March 17, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$1000.00 an acre from Mr. Ben Shepard, on behalf of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, for purchase of a strip of sovereignty or submerged land in Indian Creek, approximately 1700 feet in length and varying in width from 40 feet to approximately 70 feet, all shown on amended map of Ocean Front Property, located in Section 23, Township 52 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida. It was agreed to advertise the land for objections only, and notice of sale was published in the Miami Herald on April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were presented to the sale; however, Mr. Elliot reported that Mr. Shepard, who is city attorney for the City of Miami Beach, left a memorandum with him stating that in connection with this sale there were eleven (11) parcels the city desired conveyed direct to private owners of submerged bottoms marginal to the east side of Indian Creek, agreement having been reached with such private owners for exchange of parcels needed for the street widening program.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that decision on the matter be held in abeyance until Mr. Shepard has opportunity to be heard.

The Trustees discussed the advisability of holding up all applications for purchase of islands and submerged areas until new examinations and more up-to-date appraisals can be made of such areas; also, in view of the fact that legislation may be enacted at this session of the legislature affecting this type of land, it might be well to hold up sales until after the adjournment of the legislature.

Mr. Elliot reported that a bill has been prepared for presentation at this session of the legislature which, if passed, will make it possible for the Trustees, the counties and municipalities to control and regulate the filling and improvement of submerged lands.

Mr. Larson offered a motion that in view of pending legislation all further applications for sale of submerged lands be held in abeyance pending study of a policy to be followed in reference to such lands, and in order to get up-to-date appraisals as to value of these areas. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

It was agreed that the above action would apply to all applications after today; however, that such action will not apply to swamp and overflowed lands.

On March 3, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from John P. Goggin, on behalf of Fred Yoars, for purchase of 0.9 of an acre of submerged land in Section 25, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, on Big Pine Key, Monroe County. It was agreed to advertise the land for objections only, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were presented to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Yoars at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

On March 17, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Nathan Natapow for purchase of submerged land in Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, containing 1 acre in Pinellas County, Florida. It was agreed to advertise the land for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Natapow at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

Request was presented from Mr. Stanley M. Pred, holder of Contract No. 20298, covering purchase of land in Forest Park, a subdivision of Section 4, Township 58 South, Range 38 East, Dade County, that the Trustees insert in said contract a provision for instituting suit to quiet title to property described therein, or to secure declaration by a court of competent jurisdiction, that lots and streets shown on plat are the property of abutting and adjacent land owners; that such suit may be instituted in the name of the contract purchaser or the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, or both, at any time while the contract is in existence and not in default.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that request of Mr. Pred be granted and the proper provision inserted in the contract.

Mr. Carl L. Owenby, Sr., representing Charles Henry Dupont Foundation, appeared before the Trustees with request for exchange between the United States and the State of Florida, and the subsequent conveyance of 112 acres of land in Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 1 West; in Section 28, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, and in Section 28, Township 1 North, Range 2 West, Gadsden County. The Foundation desires this land for educational purposes in connection with planting and production of pines, forests and pastures.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of Mr. Owenby and work out the exchange of lands between the State of Florida and the United States.

Mr. John S. Webb offers \$5.00 an acre for Lots 4 and 5, Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 14 East, containing 126.44 acres of land in Gilchrist County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Webb and make counter-proposal to advertise the parcels for competitive bids provided applicant will agree to offer not less than \$10.00 an acre on date of sale.

Mr. George L. Hollahan, Jr., on behalf of Jack Statham and wife, makes application for assignment to applicants of Lease No. 735 in favor of Leo H. Ouellette, who has requested that the assignment be made. The lease covers an area adjacent to the old bridge abutment on Card Sound, Monroe County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to assignment of Lease No. 735 to Mr. Statham and wife under the same terms and conditions.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees defer action on application from Mr. Thomas H. Horobin, on behalf of Martha H. Freeman, with offer of \$150.00 an acre and \$50.00 an acre for land in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees examine and re-appraise all land owned by the Trustees, no appraisals having been made since 1940.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliott presented for approval the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
CITRUS	4-13-53	62
HILLSBOROUGH	4-14-53	13
JACKSON	4-27-53	4
MADISON	4-17-53	2
MADISON	4-24-53	1
NASSAU	4-27-53	9
OKALOOSA	4-6-53	3
OSCEOLA	3-17-52	3
WAKULLA	4-21-53	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Mr. Elliot presented two applications for issuance of deeds to correct errors in original deeds covering land in Franklin and Volusia Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds:

Franklin County Deed No. 376—Cor. to J. D. Smith and wife, to correct error in description in original Deed No. 376 dated March 31, 1953;

Volusia County Deed No. 2952—Cor. to Edith C. Miller to correct original Deed No. 2952 dated May 2, 1947, which listed certain certificate numbers incorrectly.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following deeds be executed for the purpose of releasing state road right of ways reserved in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department:

Pt. Alachua County Q.C. Deed No. 970 to Edgar S. Dunn and wife and W. Douglas McCallum and wife

Citrus County Q.C. Deed No. 632, 636 and 656 to Edward G. Mathews
Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 465—Cor. to Ruth K. Dellinger Williams

Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 2001 to Adelaide C. Vogt

Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 2564 to Leonard J. Helmers and wife
Duval Co. Q.C. Deed No. 855 to Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Pt. Duval Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3257 to Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1358 to Carl Leonard and wife

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2101 to Charles E. Ellis and wife

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 395 to Geraldine V. Batell

Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2412 to T. D. McRae and wife

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2670 to Jack Francis Peppers and wife
 Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2708 to Rex E. Rhine and wife
 Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3461 to Louise T. Helton and Clyde A. Helton
 Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1990, 2374 and 3760 to Neal B. Witmer and wife
 Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3923 to Sarah A. Gray and John T. Gray
 Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4149 to Herbert A. Jeffries and Harriet E. Jeffries
 Pt. Lafayette Co. Q.C. Deed No. 15 to St. Mary's Kraft Corp.
 Pt. Okaloosa Co. Q.C. Deed No. 99 to Evy C. Prichard and Helen O. Prichard
 Osceola County Q.C. Deed No. 484 to Bertha Bass
 Palm Beach Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2061 to Roy B. Kerns
 Pt. Pinellas Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1809 to Barney Sims
 Pt. Putnam County Q.C. Deed No. Municipal-13 to Wm. J. Michaels & wife
 Pt. Sarasota County Q.C. Deed No. 676 to Evelyn A. Gruenberg
 Volusia County Q.C. Deed No. 1860 to Belva Baker
 Volusia County Q.C. Deed No. 2179 to Arlene M. Cook

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

RICHARD W. ERVIN
 Attorney General - Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
 Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

May 12, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
 J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
 Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated April 28, 1953, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Senator Evans Crary, on behalf of Mr. Hugh L. McArthur, requests

a four-year extension of Salvage Lease No. 642 which expires May 10, 1953. Said lease permits salvage operations off the Atlantic and Gulf coasts of Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the request be granted and extension authorized for four years from May 10, 1953.

The State Road Department made request for permission to enter upon and use for borrow pit purposes, for a period of eighteen (18) months, approximately four (4) acres of bottom lands in Section 5, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County; also application for perpetual easement for right of way purposes over a certain area of land in Section 5, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, desired in connection with State Road No. 78—Sec. 9101-250—SRD 6.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from the State Road Department for borrow pit area, and also perpetual easement over the land described for State Road 78.

The following applications were presented for purchase of reclaimed areas on Lake Conway located in Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County, adjacent to upland ownership of applicants, with offer in each case of \$300.00 an acre:

Lewis W. Zoller, on behalf of L. F. Grubbs, for purchase of 0.096 of an acre in Section 30;

Baker & Thornal, on behalf of G. F. Brazell and Mildred M. Brazell, for purchase of 0.17 of an acre on Nela Isle, Sections 19 and 30;

Baker & Thornal, on behalf of Francis Leo Barry and Mary I. Barry, for purchase of 0.088 of an acre in Section 19;

Neil B. Barnum, on behalf of Carlton Hoffner for purchase of 0.305 of an acre in Section 19; and

Charles E. Hess for purchase of 0.25 of an acre in Section 18.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to have the five (5) parcels of land advertised for objections only, based on the offers submitted.

Consideration was requested, action having been deferred at the last meeting, on application from Mr. Thomas H. Horobin, on behalf of his daughter, Mrs. Martha H. Freeman, for purchase of 16.9 acres of sovereignty land in Section 13, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, adjoining property which she now owns. The land is now under lease to Mrs. Freeman and she offers as a purchase price \$150.00 an acre for 11.7 acres outside of the Old Okeechobee dike and \$50.00 an acre for 5.2 acres inside said dike.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for sale, subject to objections only, at the price offered by Mrs. Freeman.

The Trustees on May 5, 1953, declined offer of \$5.00 an acre from Mr. John S. Webb and made counter proposal to advertise for competitive bids Lots 4 and 5, Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 14 East, containing approximately 6 acres in Gilchrist County, conditioned upon his agreeing to bid not less than \$10.00 an acre. Mr. Webb now counters with offer of \$7.50 an acre for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the two lots for competitive bids, starting at \$7.50 an acre.

Mr. Elliot reported on telephone conversation May 8 with Mr. L. O. Davis, Sheriff of St. Johns County, who advised that shell, gravel and sand are being taken from the ocean beach in the vicinity of Ponte Vedra, in the northern section of St. Johns County. Mr. Elliot recommended that the Sheriff be authorized to stop the taking of material from the ocean beach seaward of the ordinary high water mark; also, that he stop the taking of material from the beach adjacent to the ordinary high water mark on the landward side, the taking of which would damage that part of the beach below mean high water, title to which is in the state. It was further recommended that the Sheriff inform the upland owners that material is being taken, so they may take such action as they deem necessary.

Motion was made by Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and carried, that the Trustees adopt the recommendation of Mr. Elliot as the action of the board and authorize him to take up with Sheriff Davis the matter of stopping trespass on the beach.

Letter was presented from The California Company, represented by Mr. Lawrence Truett, attorney of Tallahassee, requesting permission from the Trustees to do certain seismograph work on state owned water bottoms located north and west of Key West, between Longitude 82° and 83° and Latitude 24° and 25°, Monroe County, Florida. The said area is indicated on a map attached to the application as being from "A" to "X" and "I" to "J".

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant permission for The California Company to do the seismograph work in the area described.

Request was presented from the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, by its Director Ben L. McLaughlin, that the Trustees join in leasing, on a non-participating basis, an oil and gas lease on lands, title to which is in the "State of Florida for the use and benefit of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission".

Motion was made by Treasurer Larson, seconded by Attorney General Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and agree to join in an oil and gas

lease, on a non-participating basis, if and when executed, said lease to be on lands, title to which is in the State of Florida for the use and benefit of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, described as lying in Townships 40, 41 and 42 South, in Ranges 39 and 40 East, Palm Beach County.

Mr. Elliot presented as information letter addressed to the Attorney General from Mr. Doyle E. Carlton stating that costs in connection with the Bird Key Litigation, involving land in Sarasota County, amounted to \$10.00, which amount the Trustees have already paid.

The letter was ordered filed for record.

Mr. Elliot reported that in connection with printing of the Trustees minutes, Volume 28, by Rose Printing Company at a cost of \$5.76 per page, or a total of \$5,495.04, 25 extra volumes were printed and delivered. The printer asks that the Trustees make an adjustment for the extra copies. The Secretary suggested that if adjustment was authorized it be on the basis of \$7.00 per volume, which is the amount the Trustees receive for sale of the minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize payment to Rose Printing Company at the bid price of \$5,495.04 plus \$7.00 per copy for the 25 extra copies, making a total of \$5,670.04.

Request was presented from Coastal Petroleum Company, Commonwealth Oil Company and Gulf Oil Company for adoption of a resolution to the effect that State Leases 224-A, 224-B, 248, 363, 340, 340-A and 730 are in full force and effect and that lessees have complied with terms and conditions thereof.

Mr. Elliot reported that an examination of the records discloses that payments on said leases are all current and the terms and conditions thereof have been complied with to this date.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, there are pending negotiations between Coastal Petroleum Company, Commonwealth Oil Company and Gulf Oil Corporation in connection with the proposed contracts for the drilling of one or more wells in search of oil or gas upon certain lands covered by State leases 224A, 224B, 248, 363, 340, 340A and 730; and

WHEREAS, the officials of all of said companies desire ratification and assurance from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that all of the foregoing leases are in full force and effect, and that each of the present respective lessees has fulfilled all of the obligations required under the terms and conditions of said leases, and application

for such resolution has been made to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund; and

WHEREAS, after examination of the records of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund it appears that the present respective lessees under each of said State leases have fully complied according to the terms and conditions of each of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, in regular meeting assembled, this 12th day of May, 1953, as follows:

That all of State leases No. 224A, 224B, 248, 363, 340, 340A, and 730 are in full force and effect and that the present respective lessees thereof have fully complied with the terms and conditions of the same and that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund recognize each of said leases to be in good standing and binding obligations upon lessees and the State of Florida.

DONE AND ORDERED this 12th day of May, 1953.

DAN McCARTY
Governor - Chairman

ATTEST. F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Request was presented from Coastal Petroleum Company, holding Lease No. 340-340-A, and from Commonwealth Oil Company, holding Lease No. 730, that the Trustees allow footage from a well to be drilled in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, Township 54 South, Range 35 East, Dade County, adjoining Section 15 of Lease 730, to be applied to Lease 730 and to Lease 340-340-A.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees postpone action on this request for further consideration.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize use of its state car by assistants of the Attorney General's office and others for a trip to Pensacola for conference with officials of the State of Alabama in connection with the boundary line between the two states.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mayo, seconded by Attorney General Ervin and unanimously adopted, that \$2,450.00 be made available from Trustees' funds to the Improvement Commission, to be applied toward Capitol Improvement Project, said expenditure having been authorized by the Trustees November 5, 1952, and released by the Budget Commission on this date.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
BAY	4-27-53	47
FLAGLER	4-13-53	1
INDIAN RIVER	5-4-53	8
LEVY	4-20-53	1
PASCO	5-4-53	1
SEMINOLE	4-27-53	17
SUMTER	5-4-53	3

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Request was presented for correction in Dade County Deed No. 1787 dated April 18, 1942, in favor of T. A. Lumley and Paul P. Lumley, for the reason that T. A. Lumley was deceased at the time original deed was issued.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that Dade County Deed No. 1787—Cor. be issued in favor of Paul P. Lumley and other remaining heirs of T. A. Lumley, the Attorney General's office having approved issuance of such deed.

Application was presented from The California Company for oil, gas and mineral lease on Murphy Act lands owned by the state and also the reserved interest in certain lands, located in Okaloosa and Santa Rosa Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees advertise for oil, gas and mineral lease 30 acres of land in Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 26 West; 20 acres in Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 27 West, and the reserved interest in the following: 20 acres of Section 32, Township 5 North, Range 27 West; 40 acres in Section 32, Township 5 North, Range 26 West; 40 acres in Section 34, Township 4 North, Range 26 West, and 30 acres in Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 26 West, all in Santa Rosa County; also the reserved interest in 50 acres of Sections 18 and 30, Township 3 North, Range 25 West, Okaloosa County; the lease to require royalty payments of not less than $\frac{1}{8}$ in kind or in value and the amount of \$5.00 per acre annual rental increasing 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years, with bidding to be on the cash consideration for said lease.

Mr. Elliot suggested that the Trustees continue to lease Murphy Act

lands owned by the state under Chapter 18296 and as soon as lease is advertised that the land be withdrawn from sale; that the Trustees under Chapter 610 make arrangements to purchase lands so withdrawn from the state under Chapter 18296; also that Sinclair Oil and Gas Company be contacted and offer made to now lease an area in Santa Rosa County, recently applied for by them but not granted by the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the suggestions of the Secretary.

Request was presented from J. C. M. Valentine for reduction in base bid for advertising Lots 185 to 208, both inclusive, and Lots 345 to 368, both inclusive, 48 lots in Glenwood Park 2nd Addition, Volusia County. Applicant offers \$50.00 as base bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to allow advertisement of the lots with base bid of \$2.50 per lot plus costs.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller - Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

May 19, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated May 5 and 12, 1953, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

On March 17, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$50.00 an acre

from Mr. W. Marion Walton, on behalf of C. Grady Green and wife, for purchase of Tract 43, Block 88, Palm Beach Farms, lying and being in Section 17, Township 48 South, Range 42 East, containing 5 acres, more or less, in Broward County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids and notice was published in the Fort Lauderdale News on April 17, 24, May 1, 8 and 15, 1953, with sale to be held on this date.

The description of the land was called out and report from the Land Office was that a telegraphed bid of \$300.00 has been received from Mr. B. M. Shotkin for the land, and a higher bid in amount of \$81.00 an acre was received from Mr. Joe Kelleher. No higher bids were received.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the highest bid—\$81.00 an acre—and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Joe Kelleher.

On March 24, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$6.00 an acre from Mr. Dewey M. Johnson, on behalf of Southern Sales Company, Inc., for purchase of All of Section 35, 640 acres, more or less, and All of Section 36 except N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 560 acres, more or less, all in Township 2 North, Range 18 East, Columbia County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting at \$6.00 an acre, and notice was published in the Lake City Reporter on April 17, 24, May 1, 8 and 15, 1953, with sale to be held on this date.

Description of the land was called out with announcement that bidding would start at \$6.00 an acre. Bidding resulted in the highest offer, \$10.00 an acre, being made by H. E. and J. E. Corry of Quincy, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the highest bid of \$10.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Messrs. H. E. and J. E. Corry.

Seven (7) sales advertised to be held on this date, upon application from adjacent upland owners, are ready for consideration, no objections having been filed:

1. On March 24, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Al. W. Furen, on behalf of John David Fulford, for purchase of 38.8 acres of sovereignty land in Section 10, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on April 17, 24, May 1, 8 and 15, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and affidavit of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

2. On March 17, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 from Mr. Anderson C. Bouchelle for purchase of 0.92 of an acre, more or less, of sovereignty land in Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, for objections only as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the De-Land Sun News on April 10, 17, 24, May 1 and 8, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

3. On March 24, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from H. R. Finch, Jr., for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land in the Straits of Florida, south of and adjacent to the West 263.7 feet of Section 14, and the East 216.3 feet of Section 15, Township 65 South, Range 34 East, at Conch Key, Monroe County, containing 0.60 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on April 17, 24, May 1, 8 and 15, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

4. On March 24, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. John P. Goggin, on behalf of Frederick C. Allen, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Pine Channel, south of and adjacent to Lot 16, a part of Government Lot 5, Section 28, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, on Little Torch Key in Monroe County, containing 0.068 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on April 17, 24, May 1, 8 and 15, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

5. On March 24, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Carlton H. Hunt, for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land in Bay of Florida, north of and adjacent to Government Lot 2, Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, at Marathon, Key Vaca, Monroe County, Florida, containing 0.4 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on April 10, 17, 24, May 1 and 8, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

6. On March 24, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Florida Keys Electric Co-op Association, Inc., for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land in Boot Key Harbor, south of and adjacent to Government Lot 3, Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, at Marathon, Key Vaca, Monroe County, Florida, containing 2.1 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on April 10, 17, 24, May 1 and 8, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

7. On March 24, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from John P. Goggin, on behalf of Hudgins & Alfonso, Inc., for purchase of 0.46 of an acre of sovereignty land on Little Torch Key, Section 28, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, Monroe County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on April 10, 17, 24, May 1 and 8, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of each of the seven (7) adjacent land owners at the price offered by the respective applicants.

On March 24, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Doyle E. Carlton, on behalf of St. Armand Realty Company, for purchase of 61.51 acres, more or less, of sovereignty lands known as Coon Key, South Lido, Causeway and Lido A, in Section 26, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on April 10, 17, 24, May 1 and 8, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and objections were filed to the sale by Douglas K. Warner. The City of Sarasota has approved the sale.

Upon discussion of the objections, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline to allow the protest as filed by Mr. Warner.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described in favor of St. Armand Realty Company at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

Application was presented from the County Commissioners of Monroe County for a strip of bay bottom land sixty (60) feet wide by 350 feet long, containing 0.48 acres on the north side of Roosevelt Boulevard, adjoining land heretofore conveyed to the City of Key West in Deed No. 19529. The county offers \$10.00 for the parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to sell the parcel to the county at a price of \$10.00, subject to advertisement for objections only, with restriction to be included in the deed that the land will be used for public purposes only.

Mr. George O. Lea, on behalf of R. W. Birdsell, Jr., and others, offers \$100.00 an acre for 200 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay, Sections 4, 9, 15 and 16, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, adjacent to upland property.

The applicant agreed that the land will never be filled in or improved by him or any one else as he wants it to protect his upland property.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the strip applied for by Mr. Birdsell for objections only, based on offer of \$100.00 an acre, and in the event of sale that the deed contain a restriction that if the parcel is ever filled or improved, title will automatically revert to the state.

Mr. Charles F. Stewart offers \$150.00 an acre for the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bids, provided applicant will agree to bid not less than \$200.00 an acre on date of sale.

Mr. Charles F. Stewart offers \$50.00 an acre for purchase of Tract 45, Block 88, Palm Beach Farms, Section 17, Township 48 South, Range 42 East, Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting at \$50.00 an acre, which price is in line with other sales in that locality.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for conveyance of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 40 South, Range 32 East, Glades County, Florida, lying east of State Road No. 78.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to the State Road Department of the parcel described.

Request was presented from Messrs. M. A. Sutton and M. A. Wilson that the Trustees convey a parcel of submerged, semi-submerged and filled land in Mosquito Lagoon, lying east of and adjacent to the north-easterly part of Government Lot 1, Section 5, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, Volusia County. The sale is requested in order to correct an error in a former conveyance by the Trustees to Mr. Wilson with payment at the rate of \$100.00 an acre. Mr. Wilson has reconveyed the parcel originally deeded and the disputed area has been apportioned equally among the parties concerned.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to convey the adjusted area, on the same price basis, without any refund being made, subject to advertisement for objections only.

Mr. Elliot presented information from Mr. Thomas A. Johnson of Pensacola, Florida, in reference to a parcel of land in Escambia County, located South and West of Bayou Chico, fronting upon Pensacola Bay and commonly known as BRENT ISLAND, in Township 2 South, Range 30 West. The land is not shown with definiteness on any township plat of the United States Surveys in that locality. Title is presumed to have been in private persons for more than eighty (80) years past. The area has been continuously occupied by private persons having recorded deeds of conveyance from 1872 down to the present owners. The land has been improved and taxes have been paid thereon continuously, the abstract showing no delinquent taxes against the said land. No provable title is disclosed out of the United States, or out of the State of Florida, nor is there record that title has ever been in the State of Florida. The United States disclaims any interest in the land.

A local bill is proposed for legislative action for quieting title by renouncing any title in the State, the only other party that might possibly have an interest. The State of Florida not being subject to suit to quiet title, the local bill proposes to accomplish that by relinquishment of all right, title and interest that the State may have in the land.

Mr. Elliot suggested that if the Local Bill becomes a law, in order for Mr. Johnson to have some instrument that can be recorded and protect the owner, that the Trustees execute quitclaim deed in pursuance of the intent of the Act of the Legislature.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that upon passage of the Bill in the Legislature the Trustees will

execute quitclaim deed in favor of the owner in pursuance of the Act, so the owner will have an instrument for recording.

Mr. Elliot reported that Messrs. James D. Lombard and Harvey S. Plummer, Town Councilmen for Bellair Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, desire to meet with the Trustees sometime after adjournment of the legislature to make request for conveyance of certain submerged and semi-submerged land for public parks, recreation, and wildlife protection. The city desires dedication of two parcels, each 600 feet wide by 2500 feet long, near the west shore of Clearwater Harbor.

The Trustees agreed to hear representatives of the Town of Bellair sometime after the first week in June.

Presented as information was telegram from Mr. James D. Lombard and Harvey S. Plummer, Councilmen of Bellair Beach, Florida, stating that they have wired Senator A. G. MacArthur, Chairman of Judiciary "B" Committee, and the Pinellas County delegation in the Legislature, that they are in favor of Senate Bill 654.

The telegram was ordered filed in the records.

Mr. Julius Parker, on behalf of Coastal Petroleum Company, stated to the Trustees that negotiations are pending between Coastal Petroleum Company, Commonwealth Oil Company and Gulf Oil Corporation, for the drilling of a deep test well to penetrate Sunniland Limestone formation, or a depth of 10,500 feet, whichever is reached the earlier. The site selected for drilling is the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, Township 54 South, Range 35 East, Dade County, in which the State Board of Education holds an interest of one-half of the oil and gas and three-fourths of other minerals.

The proposed site for drilling not being covered by any lease from the Trustees, applicants request that the footage drilled be credited to State Lease 340-340A and 730, portions of the land covered by said Lease 730 being adjacent to the site selected, and lands under Lease 340-340A being a distance of one (1) mile from said site. The applicants agree that they will convey to the Trustees an additional one-eighth overriding royalty in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, Township 54 South, Range 35 East, covered by Lease 730, and also an additional one-eighth overriding royalty in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 54 South, Range 35 East, covered by Lease 340-340A.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from Coastal Petroleum Company, allowing credit for footage in well to be drilled on said Section 16 to be credited to Leases 340-340A and 730 upon conveyance of the additional one-eighth overriding royalty in said State leases.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopt-

ed, that the following salaries and bills be approved, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	\$ 775.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	475.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	406.66
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant	325.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	306.66
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	361.66
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	246.66
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	175.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	25.00
Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla., Printing Trustees Minutes	3,870.04
Clerk of U. S. District Court, Miami, Fla., Transcript—Rogers vs Trustees	2.80
Oakly F. Dodd, Clerk U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, New Orleans, La.	60.00
H. T. Piety, CCC Highlands County—Filing fee	10.00
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	17.64
Ft. Lauderdale Daily News, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., For advertising land sales	59.80
Shuford-Collins Insurance, Tallahassee, Fla., Premium on Appeal Bond—Rogers vs Trustees	10.00
M. O. Barco, Tallahassee, Fla., For notarizing State Documents	10.00
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, To prin. of State School Fund	8,117.82
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, To State Board of Conservation	2,248.30
Deeb Builders, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla., For work on Air-Conditioning Capitol	6,385.23
Florida State Improvement Commission, Supervision Fee—work on Capitol	2,799.12
Treasurer of United States — Reimbursement for expenses on Lake Conway geological survey	47.00
Treasurer of United States—For work on Lake Conway survey	983.00
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.80
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	33.75
Shell Oil Company, Atlanta, Ga.	13.47
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	26.00
Photostat Corp., Providence, R. I.	30.78
The Miami Herald, Miami, Fla., For advertising	179.20
The Key West Citizen, Key West, Fla., For advertising	13.80
Punta Gorda Herald, Inc., Punta Gorda, Fla., For advertising land sale	14.30
Cecil L. Anchors, CCC Okaloosa County, Recording fee	1.60
	\$ 28,082.09

Financial Statements for the Month of April, 1953, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of April 1, 1953	\$ 130,851.52
Receipts for the Month:	
Land Sales	\$ 32,594.09
Quitclaim Deeds	15.00
Sale of Fill Material	509.99
Refund of Advertising Cost	13.80
Interest on Contracts	9.09
Tax Refunds	14.16
250 Interest Coupons at 12.50 each—	
F S I C Jax Expressway	3,125.00
Sale of Certified Copies Trustees Minutes	22.00
Grazing Leases	1,368.00
Campsite Leases	250.00
Mineral Leases	335.83
Sand & Shell Leases	4,056.69
Miscellaneous Leases	295.00
Total Receipts for April, 1953	42,608.65 \$ 42,608.65
GRAND TOTAL	
Less Disbursements for the Month	48,061.84
BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 1953	125,398.33

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1953

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
4- 2-53	257919	J. E. Holmes, Sr.	\$ 39.00
	258560	State Treasurer — Trans. to U S G S	4,650.00
4- 4-53	259810	Cooperative Fund	
		State Treasurer — Trans. to General	7,603.30
4- 9-53	264719	Revenue Fund	
		Coastal Petroleum Company	173.45
4-10-53	266918	Western Union Telegraph Company	8.88
	266919	Southeastern Telephone Company	42.80
	266920	Standard Oil Company	9.49
	266921	W. A. Wynne, CCC	2.90
	266922	Cecil L. Anchors, CCC	3.20
	266923	J. Alex Arnette, CCC	7.50
	266924	Baker-Alford Company	6.52
	266925	Eli Roberts Service Station	8.50
	266926	Ivey Motors, Inc.	5.00
	266927	Tallahassee Auto Parts Company	20.78
	266928	Treasurer of the United States	53.00
	266929	Jack Culpepper	12,662.25
4-13-53	267533	State Treasurer—Trans. to Principal of	
		State School Fund	13,456.33
	267534	State Treasurer—Trans. to State Board	
		of Conservation	4,961.97
4-17-53	274916	Bessie Alderman, Tax Collector	11.85
	274917	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	21.03

4-23-53	280072	W. B. Scott Decorating Company	600.00
4-24-53	281262	Agriculture Insecticide Co.	366.00
	281263	Hunt, Salley & Roman	144.38
	281264	Capital Office Equipment Co.	4.00
	281265	The H. & W. B. Drew Company	19.00
	281266	Arthur W. Newell, CCC	1.70
	281267	Punta Gorda Herald	13.80
	281268	Shell Oil Company	18.57
4-30-53	248001	F. C. Elliot	622.25
	248002	A. R. Williams	384.35
	248003	A. C. Bridges	311.26
	248004	J. B. Linn	293.35
	248005	M. O. Barco	218.03
	248006	J. L. Dedge	297.56
	248007	B. G. Shelfer	189.55
	248008	Sinclair Wells	166.25
	248009	C. M. Greene	47.50
	248010	R. N. Landers	23.75
	248011	Blue Cross of Florida	24.40
	248012	Southern States Life Insurance Co. ...	17.55
	248013	5% Retirement Fund	139.24
	248014	Federal Tax	411.60
TOTAL Disbursements for Month of April, 1953			\$ 48,061.84

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of April 1, 1953	\$ 4,250.00
Receipts for the Month:	
April 2, 1953 — Winter Haven Lake Region—	
Boat Course District	\$ 400.00
April 6, 1953 — Internal Improvement Fund,	
Chapter 610	4,650.00
Total Receipts for the Month	\$ 5,050.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 9,300.00

Disbursements for the Month:	
Date Warrant No.	Payee
4-15-53 272694	Treasurer of the U. S. A.
BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 1953	

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:	
April 1, 1953	\$ 3,647.20
April 16, 1953	2,252.65

Total Receipts for the Month of April, 1953	\$ 5,899.85
Disbursements from General Revenue:	

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
4-30	252464	E. Hewitt	\$ 315.33
	252465	M. C. Pichard	220.06

252466	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	7.75
252467	5% Retirement Fund	18.58
252468	Withholding Tax	56.60
285962	Janet B. Briggs	20.00
Total Disbursements for Month of April, 1953	\$	638.32

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
BAY	5-11-53	23
DUVAL	4-14-53	19
HAMILTON	5-11-53	2
HARDEE	3-16-53	2
INDIAN RIVER	5-4-53	8
POLK	3-26-53	5
VOLUSIA	5-4-53	8

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest filed under the rules.

Requests were presented for release of right of way reservations in original deeds heretofore issued by the state.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the following deeds be executed for the purpose of releasing right of way reserved by the state for roads, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department:

Pt. Broward County Q.C. Deed No. 2175-EDDJ to Ralph A. Bean and wife

Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1467 to A. O. Renuart and Ona H. Perpall

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1673 to Martha Ingalls

Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 5027 to B. J. Willett & wife

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3037 to W. W. Von Todenwarth

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 5002 to Avis V. McCaskill

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1480 to Walter Marquardt and Edith Marquardt

Application was presented from the Board of Control for conveyance to the State Board of Education of Lot 16, Block "I", Indian Beach Estates, Sarasota County, with offer of \$17.50 which is equal to the base bid under regular sale. It was explained that this lot was withdrawn from sale in 1946 because of its location with reference to the Ringling Museum.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684 to the State Board of Education at the price offered—\$17.50.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees reject bid of Belvin Lumber Company listed on Liberty County Report No. 46, sale of May 4, 1953, for land described as "All except 210 acres to Nathan Dawson, et al.," on the ground that the description is not sufficient to identify the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates against lands in Okaloosa County, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vest no title in the land covered thereby.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$	371.66
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary		246.66
Rose Printing Company, Tallahassee, Fla., Part of printing costs for Trustees' Minutes, Volume 28 ..		1,800.00
 	TOTAL	\$ 2,418.32

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller - Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

May 26, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

Minutes of the Trustees dated May 19, 1953, were presented for approval, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the minutes as presented be approved.

Mr. Fletcher G. Rush, on behalf of six (6) clients, applied to purchase reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Conway adjacent to applicants' upland property. An offer of \$300.00 an acre was made for the following parcels, located in Sections 19 and 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County, Florida:

James B. Hutchins and Deborah L. Hutchins, his wife, apply for 0.114 of an acre on Nela Isle, Island Section, Plat Book "O", Page 99, Orange County Records;

LeRoy G. Dickson and Isabel C. Dickson, his wife, apply for 0.127 of an acre on Nela Isle, Island Section, Plat Book "O", Page 99, Orange County Records;

Fletcher G. Rush and Lena Mae W. Rush, his wife, apply for 0.162 of an acre on Nela Isle, Island Section, Plat Book "O", Page 99, Orange County Records;

J. Harold Rountree and Beulah Rountree, his wife, apply for 0.136 of an acre on Nela Isle, Island Section, Plat Book "O", Page 99, Orange County Records;

Edward George Nation and Julia Hill Nation, his wife, apply for 0.207 of an acre on Nela Isle, Island Section, Plat Book "O", Page 99; and

C. G. Grace and Dorothy M. Grace, his wife, apply for 0.310 of an acre on Nela Isle Annex, Plat Book "R", Page 74, Orange County Records.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offers made by Mr. Rush, on behalf of himself and clients, for the parcels described, without advertisement, applicants all being adjacent property owners.

Mr. George O. Lea, on behalf of Frank Y. Klock and other clients, offers \$100.00 an acre for 100 acres, more or less, of submerged land bordering on Little Sarasota Bay, in Sections 10 and 15, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County. Applicants agree that there will be no filling or improvement of the area but that it will be left in its natural condition; that in the event of erosion or washing away of a portion of the upland property, the owners would like to have the privilege of taking material from the area applied for and filling the eroded places.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the submerged areas applied for by Mr. Lea for objections only, based on the offer of \$100.00 an acre; that the advertisement shall give notice of restriction to be included in the deed that no filling, bulkheading or other change in the existing submerged land shall be made, but the area shall remain in its present natural condition, the purpose being to protect the land and nothing else; that if the restriction is violated title to the property shall revert to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Mrs. D. W. McKendree offers \$15.00 an acre for purchase of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, Orange County, containing 40.14 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting at a price of \$15.00 an acre.

Mr. O. E. Hobbs offers \$10.00 an acre for purchase of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 2 South, Range 13 West, Bay County, containing 40 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bids starting at \$10.00 an acre.

The Trustees postponed action on resolution adopted by the County Commissioners of Bay County May 11, 1953, having reference to dredging dead oyster shells in St. Andrews Bay.

Submitted as information was resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County, directed to the Dade County Legislative Delegation, opposing the move by private interests to construct a causeway between Key Biscayne and Key Largo, and requesting that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund make the land available to the county for future consideration.

The resolution was ordered filed for record.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
BAKER	2-18-53	1
CLAY	4-25-53	4
INDIAN RIVER	5-18-53	2
LAKE	5-11-53	24
OSCEOLA	4-13-53	39
VOLUSIA	5-8-53	2
WAKULLA	4-28-53	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Polk County, acting as Agent for

the Trustees, requests that base bids be fixed for advertising 278 lots and 2 blocks, comprising approximately 35 acres in Frostproof Heights. Under the rules of the Trustees the bid would be 5.00 per lot or acre, which the Clerk considered too high for the land and asks for reduction.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the lots and blocks, as a whole tract, with a base bid of \$700.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain certificates under the Murphy Act, covering land in Franklin, Hillsborough, Jefferson and Okaloosa Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that no title vested in the state to the land covered by said certificates.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller - Acting Chairman

Attest: Jentye Dedge
Acting Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

June 2, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

Mr. Elliot presented minutes of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund dated May 26, 1953, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the minutes be approved as presented.

A joint meeting of the State Board of Education and the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund was called. Secretary of State R. A. Gray and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Thomas D. Bailey were recorded present as members of the Board of Education.

Mr. Elliot reported that the State Board of Education and the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund own land in Palm Beach County, in an agricultural area through which Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District will provide secondary drainage works at the District's expense, which will benefit all lands in that area. As a result of this work it is believed that lands will increase in value from \$25.00 to \$50.00 an acre above present rates, or a gain of approximately four million dollars to the Trustees and one million to the Board of Education.

Trustees lands are in Townships 44, 45, 46 and 47, Range 35; Townships 45, 46, 47 and 48, Range 36; Townships 43, 45, 46 and 47, Range 37; Townships 42, 43, 45, 46 and 47, Range 38; and Townships 43, 44 and 46, Range 39. School Fund lands are in Townships 46 and 47, Range 35; Townships 46 and 47, Range 36; Township 47, Range 37; Townships 42, 43 and 45, Range 38, and Townships 42 and 43, Range 39, all South and East.

Mr. Elliot suggested that the Trustees and the State Board of Education consider withdrawing from sale for the present all land owned by them in the agricultural area in Palm Beach County.

Mr. Larson, on behalf of the State Board of Education, made a motion that the recommendation of Mr. Elliot be approved and the lands of said board within the area in Palm Beach County be withdrawn from sale for the present. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and upon vote adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, on behalf of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund, that said Trustees withdraw from sale for the present all of its lands within the agricultural area in Palm Beach County as recommended by Mr. Elliot. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The Trustees on April 21, 1953, considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Percy A. Cook for purchase of two small keys lying in the Straits of Florida, southwesterly of Big Pine Key, in Township 66 South, Range 29 East, Monroe County, comprising approximately 5 acres, designated as Island No. 1 in Latitude 24° 38.8' North, Longitude 81° 22.4' West, and Island No. 2 in Latitude 24° 38.2' North, Longitude 81° 23.7' West. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections and competitive bids, starting at \$200.00 an acre, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the two keys was called out and bids invited starting at \$200.00 an acre. It was announced that correct acreage would be determined by a survey to be made at the expense of the purchaser, under instructions and supervision of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund.

Competitive bidding resulted in Mr. Bernie Papy making the highest offer of \$701.00 an acre for the two keys.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Papy and confirm sale in his favor at a price of \$701.00 an acre.

The Trustees on April 14, 1953, considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Fred C. Peterson for purchase of three parcels of land in Pinellas County, described as:

1. Brother Key in Lot 6, Section 29, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, containing 4.23 acres, more or less;
2. Government Lot 4 in Section 32, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, containing 16.05 acres, more or less, and
3. Government Lot 1, Section 29, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, containing 33 acres, more or less.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the three parcels for objections and competitive bids, starting at \$200.00 an acre, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

It was announced that bids would be received on each parcel separately, and description of parcel 1—Brother Key—was called out with a starting bid of \$200.00 an acre.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$475.00 an acre being made by Quincy Hotel Company for Mrs. Lucy G. Corry of Quincy, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$475.00 an acre from Mrs. Corry.

Parcel 2—Government Lot 4—was offered for bids and the only offer received was \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Peterson.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer.

Parcel 3—Government Lot 1—was offered for sale, resulting in a high bid of \$400.00 an acre being made by Mr. Leon A. Haber.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$400.00 an acre from Mr. Haber.

Mr. Peterson requested the Trustees to reconsider action on sale of Lot 4 and again offer it for bids.

The Trustees were of the opinion that they did not have knowledge of the actual value of this property, not having any recent appraisals, and before taking further action they would like to have the Engineer or a representative of the state go down and examine the land so the Trustees would be informed as to its value and character.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees postpone action on item 2, get an appraisal of

the land and then re-advertise for competitive bids, starting at \$200.00 an acre.

The Trustees on April 14, 1953, considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Fred Alander for purchase of Government Lot 3, Section 19, and Government Lots 1 and 3, Section 30, all in Township 47 South, Range 25 East, comprising a total of 106.63 acres, more or less, in Lee County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the lots for objections and competitive bids, starting at \$100.00 an acre, and notice was published in the Fort Myers Press on May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$125.00 an acre being offered by Southern Sales Company, Inc. No objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$125.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Southern Sales Company, Inc.

On April 14, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 an acre from Mr. Ralph Hinson for purchase of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 24 South, Range 21 East, containing 40.12 acres, more or less, in Pasco County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, based on the offer submitted, and notice was published in the Dade City Banner on May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1953, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

The land was called out for bids, and the statement was made that Mr. W. M. Larkin who owns the land surrounding the forty acres offered for sale, contends that the Trustees do not have title to the parcel but that he has abstract showing his ownership of the land.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$27.00 an acre from Mr. Larkin.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$27.00 an acre from Mr. Larkin and that the question of title be referred to the Attorney General for his opinion.

On April 28, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$50.00 an acre from Mr. W. Marion Walton, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. C. Grady Green, for purchase of Tract 23, Block 88, Palm Beach Farms, lying and being in Section 17, Township 48 South, Range 42 East, Palm Beach County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, based on the offer submitted, and notice was published in the Fort Lauderdale News on May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and an additional bid was reported as having come in just before the meeting from B. M. Shotkin—\$450.00 for the tract—but was an offer for the tract while the advertisement called for bids by the acre. It is estimated that the tract contains approximately 10 acres.

The bidding started at \$50.00 an acre and concluded with a high bid of \$175.00 from Mr. I. J. Denmark.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the highest bid—\$175.00 an acre from Mr. Denmark.

On April 14, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 per lot from Mr. Jacob Wagner for purchase of Lots 7 to 10 inclusive, Block 3, Lots 5 and 9, Block 6, Sweetwater Estates Subdivision in Section 1, Township 54 South, Range 39 East; and Lot 16, Sweetwater Golf Course Townsite Sub., Section 1, Township 54 South, Range 39 East, all in Dade County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, based on the offer submitted, and notice was published in the Miami Herald on May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and it was announced that bids would be received first on the lots in Blocks 3 and 6.

Competitive bidding on Lots 7 to 10 inclusive, Block 3, and Lots 5 and 9, Block 6, resulted in a high bid of \$175.00 per lot being made by Mr. I. J. Denmark.

Competitive bidding on Lot 16, Sweetwater Golf Course Townsite Sub., resulted in a high bid of \$175.00 per lot being made by Mr. Jacob Wagner.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the highest bid of \$175.00 per lot from Mr. Denmark and Mr. Wagner for the respective lots bid in by each.

Nine (9) parcels of land adjacent to upland ownership of applicants, with sale advertised to be held on this date, are ready for consideration as follows:

1. On April 14, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from Walter E. Travers for purchase of 2.08 acres, more or less, of sovereignty land in Section 17, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, east of Lake Worth Drainage Equalizing Canal, Palm Beach County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, based on offer submitted, and notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1953, as required by law. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

The land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

2. On April 14 the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Harold R. Schoeppe and Mr. William H. Rohr, for purchase of 2 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay, immediately adjacent to and south of Lots 9 and 10, Harbor View No. 3 Subdivision, Section 29, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice was published in the Clearwater Sun on May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

The land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

3. On April 14, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. William R. Kirkpatrick for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Tampa Bay adjacent to and south of Lot 17 of William Brown's Bay View Subdivision, lying and being in Section 17, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, containing 1.9 acres, more or less, in Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1953, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

The description was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

4. On April 21, 1953, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Virginia D. Benner, for purchase of 6.48 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Section 27, Township 28 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1953, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

5. On April 14, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Ray F. Weaver for purchase of 8 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Section 32, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only

as required by law and notice was published in the Clearwater Sun on May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1953, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were presented to the sale.

6. On April 21, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Nick R. Stamathis, on behalf of Mr. Stephen Koundouriotis and wife, for purchase of 0.21 of an acre of submerged land in Section 11, Township 27 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, lying north of and adjacent to Lot 1 and the W½ of Lot 2, Block 1, Sunset Hills Subdivision. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice was published in the Clearwater Sun on May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1953, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

7. On April 21, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Al W. Furen, on behalf of Mr. John David Fulford, for purchase of two parcels of land designated as Parcel "F" containing 33.9 acres, and Parcel "G" containing 58.1 acres, both lying and being in Section 10, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcels for objections only as required by law and notice was published in the Clearwater Sun on May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

8. On April 28, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Mr. Paul Sawyer, on behalf of Mr. Benjamin Bernstein, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land lying in the Straits of Florida, southerly of and adjacent to Block 55 as shown on plat of a subdivision of Lots 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, Section 35; Lot 2, Section 36; Lot 3 of Section 26; and Lot 2 of Section 34, all in Township 67 South, Range 25 East, containing 13.89 acres, more or less, in Monroe County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

9. On April 14, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Kirby L. McLain, Jr., for purchase of a parcel of submerged land lying southerly and southeasterly of Racoon Key and northerly of the right of way of U. S. Highway No. 1, lying and being in Sections 25 and 26, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, containing 34.28 acres, more or less, in Monroe County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1953, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office. Description of the land was called out and no obejctions were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the foregoing described nine (9) parcels in favor of the respective applicants at the prices offered.

On April 21, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Messrs. H. H. Baskin, B. G. Brumby, J. Frank Hancock and J. B. Owens, upland owners, for purchase of 26.25 acres, more or less, of submerged land lying in Sections 8 and 17, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida. The applicant's offer is \$200.00 an acre less \$1292.50 which was made by Mr. Lucius Ruder for the northerly 10.34 acres of the tract, which parcel will be included in this purchase. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

The land was called out and objections to the sale were presented from Mr. Charles M. Phillips, Jr., City Attorney, on behalf of the City of Clearwater, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees postpone action on the sale pending hearing and decision on the objections.

On April 21, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from N. W. Berger for purchase of 3.2 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Section 29, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and objections to the sale

were filed by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County and by E. H. Hurlebaus and others.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees postpone action on the sale pending hearing and decision on the objections filed.

On April 28, 1953, the Trustees considered application from Mr. Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Joe Sirugo, with offer of \$150.00 an acre for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land lying north of Lot 10, Block 52 of a Plat of Stock Island, and embracing Government Lots 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, Section 35; Government Lot 2, Section 36; Government Lot 3, Section 26, and Government Lot 2, Section 34, all in Township 67 South, Range 25 East, containing 0.03 of an acre, more or less, in Monroe County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and objections to the sale were presented from Mr. Arthur Gibbon, on behalf of Mr. Clem Price.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees postpone action on the sale, pending disposition of objections filed.

On April 14, 1953, the Trustees considered application from Mr. W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Stanley Switlik, with offer of \$100.00 an acre for purchase of:

Parcel No. 1 lying on the easterly side of that part of Crawl Key north of U. S. Highway No. 1, in Section 26, containing 36 acres, more or less;

Parcel No. 2, surrounding that part of Long Point Key north of U. S. Highway No. 1, in Section 27, containing 114 acres, more or less;

Parcel No. 3, lying on the westerly side of that part of Crawl Key north of U. S. Highway No. 1, in Section 35, containing 4 acres, more or less;

Parcel No. 4, lying on the northeasterly and southeasterly side of that part of Little Crawl Key in Section 35, south of U. S. Highway No. 1, containing 98 acres, more or less.

All lying and being in Township 65 South, Range 33 East, comprising an aggregate of 252 acres, more or less, in Monroe County, Florida.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcels for objections only, the applicant being the adjacent upland owner of each tract, and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on May 1, 8, 15, 22

and 29, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are on file in the records of the Land Office.

The land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Upon consideration of the sale, the Trustees were of the opinion that the acreage was excessive and suggested that applicant reduce the size of the parcels.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees postpone action on the sale and that Mr. Parrish and Mr. Elliot work out an adjusted acreage and consider the suggestion that the deed contain a clause that the area is to be used for removing fill material to fill the upland and will not be built up or improved.

The Land Office presented resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Bay County requesting that the Trustees do not allow any dredging for dead shells of any and every kind in the bay bottoms, bayous and lagoons of St. Andrews Bay, Bay County, Florida.

Report was made that Mr. Charlie Bevis, Supervisor of Conservation, has advised that there is no objection, in so far as his department is concerned, to dredging shell in St. Andrews Bay area.

The resolution was ordered filed as information, there being no dredging going on at this time in St. Andrews Bay.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from the Town Council of Bellair Beach, Florida, for appointment to discuss the possibility of dedication by the Trustees of an area of state land in Pinellas County.

It was agreed that June 16 would be satisfactory to hear the representatives from Bellair Beach and Mr. Elliot was requested to so advise them.

Mr. Elliot recommended a change in the price of printed minutes of the Trustees from \$10.00 to \$15.00 for leather bound copies and from \$7.00 to \$10.00 for paper bound.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the recommendation of Mr. Elliot be approved as the action of the Trustees.

Application was presented from Mr. Woodrow Stewart of Panama City, Florida, for permission to visit land of the Trustees for the purpose of searching for buried or other treasures which might be located on state land in the counties west of Apalachicola River. It was explained that if and when he locates a desirable area, request will be made to the Trustees for lease covering the selected site.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the applicant be given authority by letter from the Secretary to visit the state owned lands in the counties indicated for the purpose specified.

Mr. Elliot reported on several bills introduced in the Legislature which if passed would be detrimental and would cripple the Trustees in carrying on its work, some of them having reference to Murphy Act lands and others affecting submerged lands of the state.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of land under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
BAY	5-25-53	20
FRANKLIN	5-18-53	6
JACKSON	5-25-53	1
SUWANNEE	1-5-53	1
SUWANNEE	2-2-53	1
VOLUSIA	5-23-53	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for the purpose of releasing state road rights of way reserved in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department:

Broward County Quitclaim Deed No. 1017 to Samuel F. Winters
 Pt. Broward Co. Quitclaim Deed No. 2714 to F. H. Peterson
 Dade Co. Quitclaim Deed No. 581 to East Coast Enterprises, Inc.,
 a Florida corporation
 Pt. Indian River Co. Quitclaim Deed No. 104 to Louise W. Knight

Offer of \$750.00 was presented from Mr. David Horsburgh for purchase of Lot 10, Block "C" Indian Beach Estates, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County. Mr. Elliot explained that this lot was withdrawn from sale in 1946 at the request of the State Board of Control, for the reason that it might be needed in connection with the Ringling Museum. The Board of Control has now released the lot and it is recommended that former action be rescinded and the lot put up for sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted.

ed, that the Trustees rescind its former action and authorize the Clerk of the Court of Sarasota County to advertise Lot 10 for sale with base bid of \$750.00 as offered by Mr. Horsburgh.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain certificates against Murphy Act land in Franklin, Lake and Marion Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vested no title in the state to the lands covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY

Comptroller - Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

June 9, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

The following applications were presented for purchase of state owned land:

1. Mr. Chester Crowder offers \$10.00 an acre for the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, 80 acres, more or less, in Lake County;
2. Mr. E. H. Wilkerson offers \$15.00 an acre for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, 40 acres, more or less, in Lake County;
3. Mr. Claud S. Ginn offers \$10.00 an acre for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 46 South, Range 27 East, containing 240 acres, more or less, in Lee County;
4. Mr. Claud S. Ginn offers \$10.00 an acre for the W $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 16 South, Range 15 East, containing 280 acres in Levy County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted,

that the Trustees agree to advertise the lands described for competitive bids based on the offers submitted.

Report was made that on April 28, 1953, the Trustees considered application from Mr. Clem Price with offer of \$200.00 an acre for purchase of 0.7 of an acre of submerged land in Sun Krest Subdivision on Stock Island, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County. Objections were filed to the application by Mr. E. E. Schumacker, for himself and others, on the ground that the land applied for lies directly across a navigable channel. Mr. Price has agreed to have inserted in his deed a statement that he will dedicate an easement for the purpose of a public canal or channel for ingress and egress of boats of property owners to the eastward of the land applied for, and Mr. Schumacker and others objecting agree to the sale of the land to Mr. Price under these conditions.

Attorney General Ervin suggested that in the event of the sale to Mr. Price, an easement be granted to those parties who objected to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to have the land advertised for objections only based on the offer of \$200.00 an acre, the sale to be conditioned on easement being given Mr. Schumacker and his clients for use of the channel mentioned.

Mr. Sidney C. Wood, on behalf of Joseph M. and Necebie M. Langford, adjacent upland owners, offers \$300.00 an acre for purchase of 1.6 acres, more or less, of reclaimed lake bottom land lying adjacent to Lake Clark in Sections 16 and 17, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections only based on offer of \$300.00 an acre.

Mr. Russell O. Morrow, on behalf of Dr. Grady H. Brantley and Harriett Brantley, offers \$100.00 an acre for purchase of reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Osborne in Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, containing 2.24 acres, more or less, in Palm Beach County, adjacent to upland property of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections only based on offer of \$100.00 an acre.

Request was presented from Mr. Russell O. Morrow, on behalf of the City of Lake Worth, Florida, with offer of \$10.00 an acre for 200 acres of filled land in Sections 15, 22 and 27, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Upon consideration of the application, the Trustees requested that the city adopt a resolution setting forth the purpose for which the City of Lake Worth plans to use the land, the price offered, and if the property will be used for public purposes only.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following bills be approved, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

Arthur W. Newell, CCC Orange County, Photostat	
copies of Lake Conway plats	\$ 3.00
Ted Cabot, CCC Broward County, Recording deed ..	1.35
H. T. Piety, CCC Highlands County, Copy of Tax	
Deed to Sauls (Case 5431)	1.20
Guyte P. McCord, Clerk Supreme Court, Filing fee ..	12.00
Geo. W. Crawford, CCC Leon County Clerk's fee,	
notice of appeal, Trustees I. I. Fund vs John W.	
Booth	11.10
Southeastern Telephone Co.	42.20
Shell Oil Company, Atlanta, Ga.	9.21
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	1.25
 TOTAL	 \$ 81.31

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Applications were presented for release of right of way for state roads reserved in original deeds conveying Murphy Act land.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for the purpose of releasing state road right of way reserved in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department:

- Dade County Q. C. Deed No. 1474 to Green-Mar Builders, Inc.
- Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1475 to Clarence Rightmyer & wife
- Pt. Dade Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3201—EDDJ to Edna B. Watts
- Duval Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3174 to Charles M. McConnell & wife
- Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed Nos. 590, 652 and Pt. 2903 to Robert L. White & wife
- Monroe Co. Q.C. Deed Nos. 421 and 480 to Allison G. Knowles and wife and Emile G. George and wife
- Pinellas Co. Q.C. Deed Nos. 2819 and 2880 to Granville E. Noblit.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates covering land in Jefferson and Taylor Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that no title came to the state by virtue of said certificates.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller - Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

June 16, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated June 2 and 9, 1953, with information that copies have been furnished to each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

The following eight (8) sales were advertised to be held on this date, based on application from adjacent upland owners, and consideration is requested, no objections having been filed to any of the sales:

1. On May 12, 1953, the Trustees considered application from Mr. Thomas H. Horobin, on behalf of Mrs. Martha H. Freeman, with offer of \$150.00 an acre for 11.7 acres, more or less, of land outside the Old Dike and \$50.00 an acre for 5.2 acres, more or less, inside the dike, all in Section 13, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on May 18, 25, June 1, 8 and 15, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

2. On May 12, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from Mr. Lewis W. Zoller, on behalf of Mr. L. F. Grubbs, for purchase of permanently reclaimed lake bottom land northerly of and adjacent to Lot 32, Block C, Nela Isle, Island Section, a subdivision in Sections 19 and 30, Township

23 South, Range 30 East, containing 0.096 of an acre, more or less, in Orange County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale subject to objections only, and notice of the sale was published in the Orlando Sentinel on May 18, 25, June 1, 8 and 15, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

3. On May 12, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from Baker and Thornal, on behalf of Mr. G. F. Brazell and wife for purchase of permanently reclaimed lake bottom land northerly of and adjacent to Lots 26 and 27, Block "C", Nela Isle, Island Section, a subdivision in Sections 19 and 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, containing 0.17 of an acre, more or less, in Orange County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, and notice of the sale was published in the Orlando Sentinel on May 18, 25, June 1, 8 and 15, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

4. On May 12, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from Mr. John G. Baker, on behalf of Francis Lee Barry and Mary I. Barry, for purchase of permanently reclaimed lake bottom land northerly of and adjacent to Lot 22, Block "C", Nela Isle, Island Section, a subdivision in Sections 19 and 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, containing 0.088 acres, more or less, in Orange County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, and notice of the sale was published in the Orlando Sentinel on May 18, 25, June 1, 8 and 15, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

5. On May 12, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from Mr. Neil B. Barnum, on behalf of Carlton Hoffner, for purchase of permanently reclaimed lake bottom land lying northwesterly of and adjacent to Lots 50 and 51 of C. H. Hoffner's Subdivision in Sections 18 and 19, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, containing 0.393 of an acre in Orange County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Orlando Sentinel on May 18, 25, June 1, 8 and 15, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

6. On May 12, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from Mr. Charles E. Hess for purchase of reclaimed lake bottom land lying easterly of and adjacent to Lots 56 and 57 of Pleasure Island Replat, a subdivision in Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, containing 0.25 of an acre, more or less, in Orange County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Orlando Sentinel on May 18, 25,

June 1, 8 and 15, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

7. On April 28, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Peter Hubert for purchase of approximately 3 acres of submerged land adjacent to Lots 32, 33 and 34, Harbor View #2, Section 29, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only, and notice was published in the Clearwater Sun on May 15, 22, 29, June 5 and 12, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

8. On April 28, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 from John W. Williams for purchase of 0.14 of an acre of sovereignty land in Section 15, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on May 15, 22, 29, June 5 and 12, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of each parcel of land was called out separately and no objections were presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of the adjacent owner applicant at the price offered by each.

The Trustees on June 2, 1953, considered sale of submerged land located in Sections 8 and 17, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, applied for by Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Mr. H. H. Baskin and others. Objections to the sale were filed by Mr. Charles M. Phillips, Jr., on behalf of the City of Clearwater, Florida. Action on the sale was postponed pending outcome of the objections. The Land Office has received telegram from Mr. Phillips withdrawing objections by the City of Clearwater and request is made that the sale be now approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land applied for by Mr. Baskin and others at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

On June 2, 1953, the Trustees considered sale of 3.2 acres of submerged land in Section 29, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, applied for by N. W. Berger. Objections to the sale were filed by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County and by Mr. E. H. Hurlebaus for himself and others. Action on the sale was deferred at the meeting June 2.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopt-

ed, that the Trustees decline to sell the land applied for by Mr. Berger in view of the objections presented.

Mr. William H. West submitted offer of \$50.00 an acre for the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, containing 5 acres in Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids based on the offer from Mr. West.

The State Board of Conservation has requested the Fort Myers Shell Company under its Lease No. 495 to cease operations in Estero Bay and Ostego Bay, between Matanzas Pass and Carlos Pass. The lessee now requests permission to dredge oyster shell from an area in Sections 26 and 27, Township 46 South, Range 24 East, known locally as "Starvation Key", Lee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize permission for Fort Myers Shell Company to transfer their operations from the area objected to by the Conservation Department to the "Starvation Key" location.

Mr. John C. Gramling, representing his client Mr. Floyd W. Davis, applied to purchase approximately one (1) acre of submerged land adjacent to Government Lot 2, Section 9, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County. Information was presented that Mr. Davis took title to Lot 2 from Mr. W. A. Parrish under the impression that conveyance included three small rock formations known as Fanny Keys 3, 4 and 5, located within and adjacent to land purchased. Later it developed that the small keys are owned by the state.

In view of the circumstances, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise for objections only the small area, comprising approximately 1 acre adjacent to Government Lot 2, provided Mr. Gramling's client will offer \$300.00 an acre for the land.

Mr. Hollis Rinehart, attorney of Miami, on behalf of Mr. Thomas H. Horobin, submitted an offer of \$100,000.00 for purchase of bay bottom lands on which to construct a highway running south from Key Biscayne, across the flats to Ragged Key and down to the intersection of Route #1 on Key Largo, a distance of approximately thirty (30) miles. In addition right of way is requested across the various keys to be traversed. The acreage involved is approximately 2500 acres in Dade and Monroe Counties. Applicant requests that the land and water areas be advertised for objections only.

The Trustees were not agreeable to advertising the land for objections only as the applicant is not the upland owner.

Also, Attorney General Ervin reported that he understood the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County adopted a resolution protesting the sale and construction of a toll road by private parties; that unless the project would be agreeable with the State Road Department and the County Commissioners of Dade County, he would not be inclined to vote for advertisement for objections only.

Mr. Rinehart stated that by advertising the area any and everyone would have opportunity to be heard and the sentiment of the public as well as the county authorities could then be ascertained.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcels applied for, subject to competitive bids and objections, starting with a bid of \$100,000.00 as offered by Mr. Horobin.

Mr. Hollis Rinehart, on behalf of Mr. Thomas H. Horobin, requested reconsideration of application to purchase submerged areas surrounding Burlingame Island for which he made application February 17, 1953. The area, comprising approximately 50 acres, was advertised for objections only with an offer of \$1000.00 an acre. On April 23, 1953, the sale was cancelled owing to objections filed.

Mr. Rinehart reviewed previous action taken by the Trustees in connection with Burlingame Island and the proposed agreement between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, Mr. Horobin and the City of Miami. (See minutes of June 1948 and early 1949.) This agreement was 98 percent completed by delivery of deeds to the City of Miami, and request is made that the original transaction be carried out by selling the area surrounding Burlingame Island to Mr. Horobin at the price agreed upon—\$200,000.00

Mr. Rinehart was advised that there has been too much objection raised to this sale for the three members present to take action today, and according to information public sentiment was still against selling these submerged areas. No action was taken on the application.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve payment in amount of \$500.00 in favor of Florida Legislative Reporters, Inc., for service during the 1953 Legislative session.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the Navy Department of the United States for conveyance of certain land in unsurveyed Sections 5 and 6, Township 2 South, Range 29 East, comprising 13.25 acres, more or less, and certain submerged lands lying beneath the tidal waters of Shermans Creek and tributaries in unsurveyed Sections 31 and 32, Township 2 South, Range 29 East, comprising 58 acres, more or less, all in Duval County, Florida. The land is to be used for national defense purposes in the vicinity of Mayport, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopt-

ed, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcels described by the Navy Department, except that part lying within the right of way lines of State Road A-1-A in Section 31, consideration to be \$1.00 and the further consideration of the use of the land by the United States for national defense, and the deed to contain a reverter clause in the event the United States ever discontinues use of the area for its public purposes.

Mr. Ben Shepard of Miami Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City of Miami Beach and eleven (11) private individuals, requests confirmation of sale advertised to be held May 5, 1953, but action postponed for further investigation.

Mr. Shepard stated that he had been requested to furnish certain information: (1) with reference to the sentiment of the people of Miami Beach as to the widening program and construction of a new bridge across Indian Creek, and (2) as to the possibility that at some future date the upland owners might desire to fill in an area farther out into the creek.

As to (1), Mr. Shepard stated that about two years ago an election was held in Miami Beach to float a four million dollar bond issue, \$715,000.00 of which was to be for the purpose of constructing a six-lane bridge across Indian Creek and to widen Indian Creek Drive to six lanes for a certain distance; that this election resulted in a vote of four to one in favor of the issue. As to (2), the strips to be conveyed to upland owners will be only about thirty (30) feet wide and not sufficient to build on. The lots are located across Indian Creek Drive from their homes and these owners cannot fill farther out into the creek owing to the 1949 Act of the Legislature—Chapter 25762—without permission from the County Commissioners and the Trustees. Their main use will be for tying up their boats and to protest their riparian rights.

It was explained that in order to widen Indian Creek Drive from 39th Street to 44th Street, it was necessary to use a strip of privately owned land and to avoid condemnation suits, the City of Miami Beach reached agreement with said property owners to purchase certain areas from the state which would be used to exchange for privately owned land desired for street purposes; that the city has offered \$1000.00 per acre for the land and desires conveyance of certain parcels to the private owners and in addition a certain area to the city.

Attorney General Ervin explained that the Trustees wanted to be sure that in conveying this land there would be no violation of the 1949 Act; that the purpose of the sale is to make possible the widening of Indian Creek Drive and to exchange land purchased from the state for privately owned land; that there will be no building or filling on the areas to be conveyed to private owners.

Mr. Shepard stated that this is a repetition of what was done several years ago in the widening of another section of Indian Creek Drive and assured the board there would be no filling out into the creek by private owners taking title to the state land and no buildings would be constructed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the Dade County land applied for by Mr. Shepard at a price of \$1000.00 an acre—minutes of May 5, 1953—and authorize execution of the following deeds:

- Deed No. 20409—To City of Miami Beach—Price \$1800.00.
 Strip of submerged land approximately 1700 feet long varying in width from 20 feet to 70 feet, comprising 1.8 acres, more or less;
- Deed No. 20410—To Sam Kanter, Trustee for William S. Feldman and wife—0.095 of an acre adjacent to Lots 20 to 24, Block 32, Ocean Front Property—\$95.00;
- Deed No. 20411—To Larybar, Inc.—0.03 of an acre adjacent to Lot 16, Block 34, Ocean Front Property—\$30.00;
- Deed No. 20412—To Louis Kaufman and Sylvia Kaufman—0.035 of an acre adjacent to Lot 17, Block 34, Ocean Front Property—\$35.00;
- Deed No. 20413—To Marlo, Inc.—0.035 of an acre adjacent to Lot 18, Block 34, Ocean Front Property—\$35.00;
- Deed No. 20414—To Alamo Hotel Corp.—0.055 of an acre adjacent to Lots 14 and 15, Block 36, Ocean Front Property—\$55.00;
- Deed No. 20415—To Ira H. Gottlieb and William Gottlieb—0.065 of an acre adjacent to Lots 13 and 14, Block 38, Ocean Front Property—\$65.00;
- Deed No. 20416—To Harry Seewald—0.035 of an acre adjacent to Lot 15, Block 38, Ocean Front Property—\$35.00;
- Deed No. 20417—To Harry Bochicchio and Ella Bochicchio—0.03 of an acre adjacent to Lot 16, Block 38, Ocean Front Property—\$30.00;
- Deed No. 20418—To Broadripple-Indian Creek, Inc.—0.135 of an acre adjacent to W½ of Lot 1, and West 100 feet of unnumbered tract lying north of said Lot 1, Block 40, Ocean Front Property—\$135.00;
- Deed No. 20419—To Gilbralter Realty Co.—0.065 of an acre adjacent to Lot 2, Block 40, Ocean Front Property—\$65.00;
- Deed No. 20420—To International Company, Inc.—0.175 of an acre adjacent to Lots 3, 6 and 7, Block 40, Ocean Front Property—\$175.00.
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Mr. Harvey S. Plummer and Mr. James D. Lombard, members of the City Council of Belleair Beach, Florida, requested that the Trustees dedicate to the City of Belleair Beach two strips of submerged land in Clearwater Harbor, Pinellas County, Florida, for the protection of public health, preservation of wildlife and natural resources. The parcels applied for are each 600 feet in width and approximately 2500 feet in length, located in Section 31, Township 29 South, Range 15 East. Maps were displayed showing the areas desired and the destruction being done by the filling in of subdivisions and projections out into the water, causing unsanitary conditions and impeding the natural flow of the water.

The Trustees were of the opinion that it would be necessary to examine into the subject more thoroughly in order to protect riparian rights in that area.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin that the matter be referred to Mr. Elliot to work out with the applicants a description of the land needed and a proposed dedication instrument that could be recorded. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to action taken by the Trustees May 12, 1953, agreeing to join with the State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission in executing on a non-participating basis an oil and gas lease in favor of Joseph G. Heyck covering lands in Palm Beach County owned by the Commission, the said lease is ready for execution by the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that upon approval by the Attorney General the lease be signed by the Trustees and delivered to the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

Financial statements for the month of May are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of May 1, 1953	\$125,398.33
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Receipts for the Month:	
Land Sales	\$33,433.49
Tax Refunds	165.99
Interest on Contracts	30.32
Refund of Advertising Cost	13.80
Fill Material	71.50
Quitclaim Deeds	45.00
Certified Copies of Trustees Minutes	29.00
Timber Leases	172.80
Sand & Shell Leases	\$4,145.38
Less Returned Check	244.05
Sand & Shell Leases—Net	3,901.33
Farm Lease	60.00
Grazing Leases	1,064.25

Miscellaneous Leases	475.00
Campsite Leases	26.00
Oil Lease	580.00
Salvage Exploration Lease	100.00
Mineral Lease	33.83
Total Receipts for Month of May, '53	40,202.31
GRAND TOTAL	165,600.64
Less Disbursements for the Month	32,116.61
BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 1953 ..	133,484.03

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1953

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
5- 7-53	294936	Florida State Improvement Commission	\$ 2,799.12
5- 9-53	296395	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer— Trans. to State School Fund	8,117.82
	296396	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer— Trans. to St. Bd. Conservation	2,248.30
5-11-53	296998	Treasurer of U. S. A.	47.00
	296999	Capital Office Equipment Co.	1.80
	297000	Southeastern Telephone Co.	33.75
	297001	Shell Oil Company	13.47
	297002	Standard Oil Company	26.00
	297003	Photostat Corporation	30.78
	297004	The Miami Herald	179.20
	297005	The Key West Citizen	13.80
	297006	Punta Gorda Herald	14.30
	297007	Cecil L. Anchors, CCC	1.60
5-19-53	307575	Deeb Builders, Inc.	6,385.23
5-25-53	312303	Rose Printing Company	3,870.04
	312304	Clerk U. S. District Court	2.80
	312305	Oakly F. Dodd, Circuit Court of Appeals	60.00
	312306	H. T. Piety, CCC	10.00
	312307	Western Union Telegraph Co.	17.64
	312308	Ft. Lauderdale Daily News	59.80
	312309	Shuford-Collins Insurance	10.00
	312310	M. O. Barco	10.00
5-27-53	314442	F. C. Elliot	11.25
	314443	A. R. Williams	12.25
	314444	Jack Culpepper	4,994.02
5-29-53	289078	F. C. Elliot	621.95
	289079	A. R. Williams	387.85
	289080	A. C. Bridges	310.96
	289081	J. B. Linn	292.60
	289082	M. O. Barco	217.73
	289083	J. L. Dedge	297.26
	289084	B. G. Shelfer	189.25
	289085	Sinclair Wells	166.25
	289086	C. M. Greene	47.50
	289087	R. N. Landers	23.75
	289088	Blue Cross of Florida	23.15
	289089	Southern States Life Ins. Co.	17.55

289090	5% Retirement Fund	139.24
289091	Federal Tax	411.60

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1953 \$32,116.61

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of May 1, 1953	\$ 1,879.62	
Receipts for the Month	None	
Disbursements:		
Date Warrant No.	Payee	
5-11-53 297008	Treasurer of the U. S. A.	\$ 983.00
Balance as of May 31, 1953	\$ 896.62	

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:	
5- 1-53	\$ 2,630.67
5-18-53	4,451.17
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Total Receipts for the Month	\$ 7,081.84
Less Returned Check	25.00
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TOTAL NET RECEIPTS FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1953 .. \$ 7,056.84
Disbursements from General Revenue:

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
5-25-53	311531	Rose Printing Co.	\$ 1,800.00
5-29-53	285455	Ernest Hewitt	315.33
	285456	M. C. Pichard	220.06
	285457	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	7.75
	285458	5% Retirement Fund	18.58
	285459	Federal Tax	56.60

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1953 \$ 2,418.32

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary	\$ 775.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	475.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	406.66
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant	325.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	306.66
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	361.66
B. G. Shafter, Clerk-Stenographer	246.66
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	175.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Expenses to Pensacola	11.25
A. R. Williams, Expenses to Pensacola	12.25
Jack Culpepper, Tallahassee, Fla.—Estimate No. 5 for Drilling Deep Wells, Capitol	4,994.02
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer—To State School Fund ..	8,410.17

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer — To State Board of Conservation	2,710.70
Florida Legislative Reporters, Inc.	500.00
Treasurer of U. S. A.—For surface-water investigation work	896.62
John D. Moriarty, Ass't. Attorney General — Expenses, Trustees vs Bass	18.35
General Electric Supply Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	6.00
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	15.00
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	23.10
Genuine Auto Parts Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	2.50
Ivey Motors, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.50
The Lake City Reporter, Lake City, Fla., For advertising land sale	15.33
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	3.10
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	13.42
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	35.95
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	10.35
News Tribune, Inc., Ft. Pierce, Fla.—advertising	11.50
Vero Beach Press Journal, Vero Beach, Fla.—advertising ..	14.95
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.—Printing law and rules re conservation of oil & gas	236.30
Tallahassee Democrat, Tallahassee, Fla.—Printing forms ..	91.80
TOTAL	\$21,180.80

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of land under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
HILLSBOROUGH	6-9-53	8
MARION	6-1-53	3
NASSAU	6-1-53	5
PASCO	6-1-53	12
TAYLOR	6-8-53	2

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize the execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following deeds be executed for the purpose of releasing state road right of way reserved in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department:

Pt. Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 3753 to Samuel D. Sweat
Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 2434 to Lucian Nowinski and wife.

Mr. Elliot presented Okeechobee County Report No. 115, sale of March 3, 1952, recommending rejection of all bids. The sale involved

approximately 52 acres of land, or 1422 lots, with an average bid of less than seven cents (7¢) per lot, or a total bid of \$81.25.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the recommendation of Mr. Elliot and decline all bids listed on Report No. 115.

Putnam County special case was presented from L. P. Strickland with offer of \$100.00 as base bid for advertising approximately 16 acres or 28 parcels of land in Olsen's Addition to Elin Park S/D, Section 22, Township 10 South, Range 24 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to advertise the land with base bid of \$240.00 for the sixteen acres.

Putnam County special case was presented from J. P. Lamb with offer of \$240.00 for approximately 40 acres or 32 parcels of land in Highland Florida Park S/D of part of Section 4, Township 9 South, Range 26 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer from Mr. Lamb and make counter proposal to have the land advertised with base bid of \$600.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries be approved, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$ 371.66
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	246.66
TOTAL	\$ 68.32

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller - Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

July 7, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated June 16, 1953, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the minutes as presented be approved.

Mr. Wells, Land Agent, presented the following sales advertised to be held on this date:

GILCHRIST COUNTY: On May 12, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$7.50 an acre from Mr. John S. Webb for purchase of Lots 4 and 5, Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 14 East, containing 126.44 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$7.50 an acre, and notice of the sale was published in the Trenton Journal on June 4, 11, 18, 25 and July 2, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

The land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$32.25 an acre being made by Mr. J. H. Anderson.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$32.25 an acre from Mr. Anderson and confirm sale in his favor.

BAY COUNTY — On May 26, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 an acre from Mr. O. E. Hobbs for purchase of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 2 South, Range 13 West, containing 40.12 acres, more or less.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$10.00 an acre and notice of the sale was published in the Panama City News Herald on June 5, 12, 19, 26 and July 3, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

The description of the land was called out and competitive bidding

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resulted in a high bid of \$11.00 an acre being made by Mr. O. E. Hobbs.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the highest bid and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Hobbs.

ORANGE COUNTY — On May 26, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$15.00 an acre from Mrs. D. W. McKendree for purchase of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, containing 40.14 acres, more or less.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the lands for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$15.00 an acre and notice of the sale was published in the Orlando Sentinel-Star on June 5, 12, 19, 26 and July 3, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells stated that he has received a bid of \$750.00 for the parcel from Mr. John L. Land of Apopka, Florida, which is at the rate of approximately \$19.00 an acre, which would be the starting bid.

Mr. D. W. McKendree, on behalf of Mrs. McKendree, protested the sale starting at \$19.00 an acre when it was advertised with a starting bid of \$15.00 an acre.

Attorney General Ervin explained to Mr. McKendree that the Trustees were authorized by law to sell land for competitive bids; that the sale was being held in accordance with law and the offer from Mr. Land which was sent in as a bid on the property was in order.

Bidding on the land was resumed and the highest bid of \$50.00 an acre was made by Mr. McKendree.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the highest bid — \$50.00 an acre — and confirm sale in favor of Mrs. D. W. McKendree.

BROWARD COUNTY — On May 19, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$50.00 an acre from Charles F. Stewart for purchase of Tract 45, Block 88, Palm Beach Farms, Section 17, Township 48 South, Range 42 East, containing 5 acres, more or less.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the tract for competitive bids, starting at \$50.00 an acre, and notice of the sale was published in the Fort Lauderdale News on June 5, 12, 19, 26 and July 3, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that a bid of \$77.00 an acre was received from Mr. I. J. Denmark of Miami, Florida, at which figure bidding would start. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$101.00 an acre being made by Mr. W. B. Leonard.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopt-

ed, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$101.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Leonard.

Mr. Wells reported that three sales are advertised to be held on this date, each having been applied for by the adjacent upland owner:

1. PALM BEACH COUNTY — On April 14, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. John E. Henderson for purchase of a parcel of sovereignty land lying north of the West 682.11 feet of the East 822.36 feet of Section 10, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, containing 2.57 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on June 5, 12, 19, 26 and July 3, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

2. SARASOTA COUNTY — On May 19, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. George O. Lea, on behalf of R. W. Birdsell, Jr., et al., for purchase of 200 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay, located in Sections 4, 9, 15 and 16, Township 38 South, Range 18 East.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on June 5, 12, 19, 26 and July 3, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

3. VOLUSIA COUNTY — On May 19, 1953, the Trustees agreed to advertise for objections only 3.58 acres, more or less, of submerged, semi-submerged and filled land in Mosquito Lagoon, Section 5, Township 19 South, Range 35 East, applied for by M. A. Sutton and M. A. Wilson. Notice of the sale was published in the DeLand Sun-News on June 5, 12, 19, 26 and July 3, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Mr. Wells explained that this land was advertised for the purpose of correcting an error in deed heretofore issued to Messrs. Sutton and Wilson for which they paid \$100.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve sale of the foregoing three parcels of

property as advertised, with consideration as indicated for each parcel. It was so ordered.

MONROE COUNTY — On May 19, 1953, the Trustees considered request from the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County for conveyance without consideration of 0.48 of an acre, more or less, of bay bottom land on the north side of Roosevelt Boulevard and Hilton Haven Subdivision in Section 23, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, to be used for public purposes only.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on June 5, 12, 19, 26 and July 3, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are on file in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made my Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance without cost of the land described in favor of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, the deed to contain reversion clause in event the land should ever be used for other than public purposes.

Mr. Wells reported that owing to an erroneous description, Sarasota County land advertised to be sold on this date was being withdrawn from sale. The land was applied for by Mr. George O. Lea on behalf of Mr. Fank Y. Klock with an offer of \$100.00 an acre for approximately 100 acres of submerged land bordering upon Little Sarasota Bay, adjacent to applicant's upland property.

Objections to the sale were received from Osprey Citizens Club, Inc., and from Mr. William S. Boylston, on behalf of client.

Without objection, the Trustees approved cancellation of the sale on account of erroneous description.

On June 9, 1953, the Trustees considered application from Mr. Russell O. Morrow, on behalf of the City of Lake Worth, Florida, with offer of \$10.00 an acre for purchase of approximately 200 acres of filled-in land in Sections 15, 22 and 27, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, City of Lake Worth, Palm Beach County. The Trustees requested that the city submit a resolution applying for the land and outlining the purpose for which it would be used. The City of Lake Worth has adopted the proper resolution, stating therein that the land will be used by the city for a municipal golf course and public park.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections

only based on the offer from the City of Lake Worth, the land to be used for public purposes only.

Mr. Victor M. Blue, on behalf of Mr. H. B. Stokes, offered \$10.00 an acre for purchase of the W $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township 6 South, Range 29 East, St. Johns County, containing 135 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids, starting at \$10.00 an acre.

Mr. Charles F. Stewart submitted offer of \$100.00 an acre for purchase of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Government Lot 2 West of Seaboard Railway R/W in Section 3, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, containing approximately 12 acres in Broward County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids, starting at \$100.00 an acre.

Mr. W. P. Lamar made application for a five (5) year lease to mine and remove minerals (except petroleum and gas), particularly including rutile, ilmenite, zircon and accessory minerals for commercial purposes, from that area along the West Coast of Florida between high tide limits and the International Boundary, in Townships 37, 38 and 39 South, Range 18 East; Townships 39 and 40 South, Range 19 East; Townships 40 and 41 South, Range 20 East, in Charlotte and Sarasota Counties. Applicant agrees to pay for all minerals at the rate of \$1.00 per ton, or a sum equal to three percent of the gross sales price at the place where mined, whichever is the greater amount, with a minimum monthly royalty of \$25.00 and furnish surety bond in the amount of \$1000.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize five-year lease under the usual terms and conditions, at the price offered by applicant, covering the area described.

Mr. Dexter Hamilton offered \$50.00 per annum for a five year lease on Rabbit Key located in Township 54 South, Range 29 East, comprising 2 acres, more or less, in Monroe County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to lease the parcel at the price offered on a year to year basis, with option to renew upon terms to be decided upon at the end of each year.

Mr. Crockett B. Carr of Roanoke, Virginia, requests permission to assign his Lease No. 773 to Mr. Arthur Rolland Hollenbeck and Mil-

dred D. Hollenbeck of Islamorada, Florida. The land covered in the lease comprises 1.6 acres in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 63 South, Range 37 East, Monroe County, with rental payments as follows:

- \$150.00 per annum for period ending June 14, 1956;
- \$200.00 per annum for period beginning June 15, 1956 and ending June 14, 1961;
- \$250.00 per annum for the period beginning June 15, 1961 and ending June 14, 1966;
- \$300.00 per annum for the period beginning June 15, 1966 and ending June 14, 2001.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize assignment of Lease No. 773 in favor of Arthur Rolland Hollenbeck and Mildred D. Hollenbeck, assignees to assume all of the terms and conditions of the said lease.

Request was presented that Grazing Lease No. 796-A in favor of Dr. B. F. Hart be assigned to The Travelers Insurance Company. The land covered by the lease is located in Section 27, Township 49 South, Range 40 East, and in Section 3, Township 50 South, Range 40 East, comprising 441 acres in Broward County, with rental at the rate of \$1.00 per acre per annum.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve assignment as requested.

Request was presented from Alfred Destin Company that its Sand Lease No. 640 be assigned to Maule Industries, Inc., covering land in Dade County lying adjacent to Biscayne Key, with rental at the rate of ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard for all sand removed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to assignment of Lease No. 640 as requested from Alfred Destin Company to Maule Industries, Inc.

Mr. Wells reported that notice is now being published for sale on July 21, 1953, land described as the W $\frac{1}{2}$ or SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, containing 5 acres, more or less, in Broward County. The land was applied for by Mr. Charles F. Stewart with an offer of \$200.00 an acre. The County Attorney for Broward County now requests that the county be allowed to acquire the 5 acres to be used for public purposes only.

Mr. Wells recommends that the sale be withdrawn and Broward County be requested to make application by adoption of a resolution setting forth the purpose for which the land will be used.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees withdraw from sale the land in Broward

County applied for by Mr. Stewart and follow the recommendation of Mr. Wells as to requesting application and resolution from the County Commissioners of Broward County.

Application was considered from Palm Beach County for acquisition of all state owned land, including Internal Improvement Fund and sovereignty, within the loop of the old channel of Jupiter River and east of the Inland Waterway in Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 43 East, and in Section 6, Township 41 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County. The land is to be used for park purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees request the Palm Beach County Board to submit an application resolution, setting forth the purposes for which the area will be used, the acreage desired and list of ownerships involved and how private upland owners will be protected.

The Board of County Commissioners of Broward County requests that the Trustees withhold from sale any interest which they may own in any bay bottom, submerged, or other lands in Broward County, lying south of Port Everglades and east of New River Sound, in Section 25, and in the North 1320 feet of Section 36, all in Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees request the County Commissioners of Broward County to adopt a resolution making application for the land, setting forth the purposes for which the land will be used, the acreage desired, the list of ownerships involved and how private upland owners will be protected.

Mr. C. E. Bryant, Jr., on behalf of B. A. Abney, offered \$1500.00, which is slightly more than \$100.00 an acre for 83 lots, comprising 14 acres, more or less, in the City of Okeechobee, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids, starting at the price offered by Mr. Abney.

Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of the City of Clearwater, Florida, makes request for dedication by the Trustees of 260 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Clearwater Harbor to be used for public purposes only. The City agrees that if the property should ever be used for other than public purposes the state will be paid for the land at the rate of \$200.00 an acre.

Mr. Elliot recommends that should the Trustees grant the request
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of the city, the following conditions be made a part of the dedication instrument:

1. The area to be used for public purposes only.
2. That the city will have the right to improve the property by excavating or dredging and providing channels for navigation.
3. Dedication to be in perpetuity, title to remain in the state; city to have right of purchase at \$200.00 an acre.
4. City to act as agents for Trustees to police and protect premises from trespass.
5. Dedication to be in form for recording in public records of Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees withdraw from sale or other disposition the area applied for by the City of Clearwater and that Mr. Elliot request the city to file application, stating what filling will be done, description of the land and the purpose for which it will be used; upon receipt of this information that Mr. Elliott report back to the board with suggested conditions to be included in the dedication for further action by the Trustees.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees June 16, 1953, Mr. Elliot submitted form of Dedication Resolution which is acceptable to the Town of Belleair Beach, Florida, involving submerged area in the Clearwater Harbor.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Messrs. H. S. Plummer and James D. Lombard,, Councilmen of the Town of Belleair Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, acting through authority of its Council, have requested the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida to make available to the Town of Belleair Beach the use of certain submerged lands bordering upon the western shore of the southern portion of Clearwater Harbor, in Pinellas County, Florida, for public purposes only of said town, including the protection and preservation of its natural condition and of wild life within the area, and

WHEREAS, said Trustees believe that said public purpose, the protection and preservation of said premises and of the wild life therein is desirable and that said Town of Belleair Beach will be performing a desirable public service,

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida that the submerged lands hereinafter described be, and they are hereby with-

drawn from sale or other disposition, and the use thereof is hereby dedicated to the Town of Belleair Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, so long as said lands are required by said town for its public purposes.

DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the intersection of the shore line at ordinary high water mark with the south right of way line of Belleair Beach county causeway near the west or Belleair Beach end of said causeway; Thence eastward along said right of way line 800 feet;

Thence south 16° West 2600 feet, more or less, to the projected south boundary of the unsurveyed part of Section 31 of Township 29 South, Range 15 East;

Thence west along said projected south boundary 945 feet, more or less, to the ordinary high water mark of the shore;

Thence northerly along the ordinary high water mark of the shore to the Point of Beginning;

Containing, including the shore channel, 65 acres, more or less, in the S½ of Section 31, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida.

Subject to the following conditions:

1. That said land in its natural condition be used by the Town of Belleair Beach for public purposes only; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that if any improvements or changes artificially made are desired, such shall be subject to approval by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, given in writing.
2. That legitimate use by the public of the waters within the described premises, including the shore channel, shall be allowed as provided by the laws of this state.
3. That said town acting as agent for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, is authorized to police and protect said premises and to prevent trespass thereon.
4. That in the event the use of said premises by said town for its public purposes is ever discontinued or abandoned for a continuous period of one (1) year, this dedication shall thereupon become automatically terminated and cancelled and all rights herein granted shall thereupon revert to said Trustees.
5. That this dedication instrument be recorded in the public records of Pinellas County, Florida, as notice to the public of this dedication, and that herein contained.

The Trustees considered request from the City of Miami that approval be given for issuance of ten-year (10) lease by the city to the Miami Yacht Club, covering an area on MacArthur Causeway,

which area was conveyed to the City of Miami by the Trustees. It was explained that this request was presented to the Trustees in August 1952, and tentatively agreed to subject to approval being withheld for a period of thirty (30) days for protests to be filed, if any. No objections have been made to the Trustees to issuance of the said lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees interpose no objection to issuance of lease by the City of Miami to the Miami Yacht Club for a period of ten (10) years under terms and agreements as set forth in minutes of the Trustees dated August 12, 1952.

Mr. Joe Kelleher of Homestead, Florida, submitted an offer of \$750.00, or at the rate of \$57.69 an acre, for the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Government Lot 3, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Government Lot 4, Section 2, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, Broward County.

Mr. Elliott explained that title to this land vested in the Trustees through settlement with Everglades Drainage District under provisions of Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931, and recommends that the land be advertised for competitive bids starting at \$58.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids on the basis of \$58.00 an acre.

At the request of the Governor's office, Mr. Elliot presented suggestion from Mr. Douglas Martin of Lakeland, Florida, transmitted to the Governor by Mr. Roy Surles, that state owned land in the Everglades area be offered as an emergency cattle pasture to the drought stricken areas of Texas.

Upon discussion of the subject, Mr. Elliott was requested to reply to Mr. Surles, explaining that the ownership of the state that would be suitable for pastures is under lease, and large areas not leased are swamp and sawgrass which would require draining, cultivating and planting to pasture grasses.

Mr. Elliot called attention to application heretofore presented to the Trustees from Mr. R. L. Newman of Tampa, Florida, for right of way through land on Sanibel Island in Lee County, and purchase of other tracts to be used as dock sites for tying up boats.

Mr. Elliot suggested that if the Trustees are agreeable to granting right-of-way and other areas desired, that a strip 150 feet wide along the East boundary of Sections 21, 16 and 10 of Township 46 South, Range 22 East, be withdrawn from sale and other disposition and dedicated for road purposes, conditioned that the road be built within a specified time; also a right of way across water bottoms to connect with the mainland; that consideration be given to advertising for competitive bids 10 acres in the southeast corner of Section 9 and

2.29 acres in Section 10, with starting price to be agreed upon, sale to be subject to lease with the United States Wildlife Service; that as an alternative for sale at competitive bidding, the Trustees set aside and dedicated the two areas for way-side park and boat landing purposes, for use of the general public. Mr. Elliot also stated that in cases of this kind the Trustees' procedure heretofore had been that the right of way be granted to the State Road Department rather than to the county or individual.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to grant easement in favor of the State Road Department for the necessary right of way for a public road, said easement to be terminated in the event the road is not constructed within two years; that the other parcels for park purposes and boat landings be withdrawn from sale pending construction of the road.

Mr. Elliot submitted the following report, dated June 25, 1953, having reference to abatement of rentals on certain offshore submerged lands covered by Leases 224-A and 224-B in favor of Coastal Petroleum Company:

June 25, 1953

Trustees of the Internal
Improvement Fund of the
State of Florida

C A P I T O L

Re: Oil and Gas Leases 224-A, 224-B,
Coastal Petroleum Company

Gentlemen:

On December 20, 1949, report was submitted to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund by the Engineer and Secretary relating to abatement of rentals on certain off-shore submerged lands covered by Leases 224-A and 224-B to Coastal Petroleum Company.

Action by the Trustees on the same day authorized rental abatement as set forth in said report. Coastal accepted the amount and terms of abatement as follows. On Lease 224-A, amount of abatement \$14,516.40 per annum applicable on payments to be made December 27, 1949 and on each payment date annually thereafter, subject to provision in said lease hereafter set forth. On Lease 224-B, amount of abatement \$16,834.00 per annum applicable on payment to be made March 27, 1950, and on each payment date annually thereafter subject to provision in said lease hereafter set forth.

The provision in Leases 224-A and 224-B referred to above is as follows: "within sixty days after title to said areas is so quieted in Lessor or the State of Florida, Lessee must commence operations to carry out the drilling obligations of this lease and resume payment of the full rentals."

By the Act of Congress signed by the President May 22, 1953, said lands were returned to the State. Coastal Petroleum Company now makes application to have said lands returned to contract requirements as of July 21, 1953, which is within the sixty day limit.

Based upon said areas being reinstated as of July 21, 1953, the payments to become due are as follows:

Lease 224-A:	
160 x 14,516.40	
365	= \$ 6,363.34
Plus	8,050.00
Amount due Dec. 27, 1953	14,413.34
Amount due Dec. 27 annually thereafter	\$22,566.40
Lease 224-B:	
250 x 16,834.00	
365	= \$11,530.14
Plus	10,214.00
Amount due Mar. 27, 1954	21,744.14
Amount due Mar. 27 annually thereafter	\$27,048.00

I recommend reinstatement of offshore submerged lands in Lease 224-A and 224-B, and re-establishment of rentals all in pursuance of the provisions of said leases as above set forth.

Respectfully submitted,
 (s) F. C. ELLIOT
 Engineer and Secretary
 FCE/p

Coastal Petroleum Company has requested that payments be resumed and that resolution be adopted by the Trustees setting forth that all requirements of Leases 224-A and 224-B are in full force and effect and all tideland areas, heretofore abated, are reinstated. The proposed resolution was read and the Secretary stated that the said leases are in good standing and payments set forth are according to the requirements of the contracts.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and carried, that the report of Mr. Elliot, with his recommendations therein, be approved and the following resolution adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, by Act of Congress signed by the President on May 22, 1953, title to the Tidelands of Florida was vested in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, a portion of said lands had previously been leased by the State of Florida to Coastal Petroleum Com-

pany under State lease No. 224A and lease No. 224B; and

WHEREAS, the rental on the tidelands covered by said leases was abated by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in accordance with the terms of said leases; and

WHEREAS, said leases provided that "within sixty days after title to said areas is so quieted in Lessor or the State of Florida, Lessee must commence operations to carry out the drilling obligations of this lease and resume payment of the full rentals", which provision is contained in each of said leases; and

WHEREAS, it appears that Coastal Petroleum Company has paid all these rentals due by it as to Lease 224A up to December 27, 1953, and as to State Lease 224B up to March 27, 1954 in advance; and

WHEREAS, Coastal Petroleum Company has likewise complied with the obligation imposed upon it by said leases in connection with the drilling for oil in the State of Florida on lands covered by said leases, or contiguous thereto,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in regular meeting assembled:

(1) That State leases 224A and 224B are acknowledged by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to be in full force and effect, and that as of July 21st, 1953, all tidelands covered by said leases shall be reinstated and become a part of same as provided by said State leases 224A and 224B.

(2) That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund recognize that Coastal Petroleum Company has faithfully performed all of its obligations under each of said leases, and that no further sums of money will be due to the State of Florida as to State lease 224A until December 27, 1953, at which time the sum of \$14,413.34 will have to be paid, and the sum of \$22,566.40 which will be due on December 27th of each year thereafter, except as modified by the terms and conditions of State lease 224A.

(3) That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund further acknowledge as to State lease 224B that all rentals due thereon for all lands described therein have been paid in advance to March 27, 1954, at which time there shall become due and payable to the Trustees by the Lessee the sum of \$21,744.14, and that there shall become due on the 27th day of March of each year thereafter the sum of \$27,048.00, except as modified by the terms and conditions of said lease.

(4) That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, in accordance with the terms and conditions of leases 224A

and 224B acknowledge July 21, 1953, as an acceptable reinstatement date as to those portions of the lands covered by said leases which lie within the tidelands of the State of Florida.

Mr. Elliot recommended that the Trustees renew for another year the cooperative agreement with the Geological Survey of the United States for investigation of water resources. This agreement provides for allocation of \$10,000.00, the Trustees and local agencies to provide up to \$5000.00 each and the United States to match the total by providing \$10,000.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize participation for another year in the water resources investigations by the United States based on the schedule outlined by Mr. Elliot.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be authorized to employ Mr. R. H. Jones, County Surveyor of Orange County, for certain engineering work in connection with water levels of Lakes Ola and Butler, at an estimated cost of \$180.00. An expenditure of \$100.00 was made available some time ago for work around Lake Conway but no part of this amount has been used, the Engineer's office having completed the work without outside assistance.

Mr. Elliot reported that the law does not require the Trustees to advertise the sale of reclaimed lake bottom lands, such as around Lake Conway in Orange County, where the acreage is less than one-half section. He recommends that where the applicant to purchase is the adjacent upland owner, the Trustees discontinue the practice of giving notice of sale; that in the case of non-owner, the land be advertised. Assistant Attorney General Fred Burns has approved such procedure.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the suggestion from Mr. Elliot as to advertising lake bottom lands and adopt the same as the action of this board.

Mr. Elliot reported that Oil and Gas Lease issued by the State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission in favor of Mr. J. G. Heyck on Charlotte County land owned by the Commission, concurred in by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, was approved by the Attorney General, executed by the Trustees and delivered to the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm action taken in connection with lease by Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

Attorney General Ervin called attention to stipulation included in certain deeds issued by the Trustees conveying submerged areas adjacent to upland ownership. The stipulation required that the upland owner make no improvements or fills in the area purchased but that it be left in its present condition. It is thought that such stipulation may be in violation of the law.

Without objection, the matter was referred to the Attorney General and Mr. Elliot.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve issuance of warrant in amount of \$175.00 in favor of Jacob Wagner as refund on account of cancellation of deed not accepted by Mr. Wagner.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
BREVARD	5-14-53	48
CITRUS	6-2-53	14
FRANKLIN	6-15-53	1
INDIAN RIVER	6-15-53	3
LAKE	6-8-53	54
NASSAU	6-22-53	3
OSCEOLA	6-15-53	27
POLK	4-30-53	21
SUMTER	6-1-53	2
VOLUISA	6-1-53	11
VOLUSIA	6-9-53	3
VOLUSIA	6-11-53	3

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Request was presented from Eagle Lake Growers, Inc., for correction in description of Polk County land conveyed in Polk County Deed No. 1509, dated September 16, 1943.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of Polk County Deed No. 1509-Cor. to Eagle Lake Growers, Inc., to correct error in original deed.

Fourteen applications were presented for release of road right of

way in original deeds issued by the Trustees. Mr. Elliot advised that the State Road Department has approved releases in each case.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the following deeds be executed for the purpose of releasing road right of way in each deed as approved by the State Road Department:

Broward County Q.C. Deed No. 2320 to J. Fenn Smith and wife

Pt. Broward Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3049 to Arthur E. Nordine and wife

Duval Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1408 to Sam B. Stearns

Duval Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1479 to Novo Company

Duval Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2856 to E. J. Smith and wife

Franklin Co. Q.C. Deed No. 383 to Roger B. Fewell and Barbara N. Fewell

Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2664 to Hugh D. Davis

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2692 to E. R. Mann and wife

Lee County Q.C. Deed No. 271 to Albert H. Ernst and wife

Pt. Lee Co. Q.C. Deed No. 160 to William P. McPhee

Pt. Lee Co. Q.C. Deed No. 248 to Ft. Myers Broadcasting Co.

Palm Beach Co. Q. C. Deed No. 1961 to John Kaurala and wife

Pt. Palm Beach Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1009 to Eugene R. Constans and wife

Pt. Palm Beach Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1009 to Frank H. Constans and wife

Mr. Elliot reported that on May 12, 1953, the Trustees agreed to advertise for sale oil, gas and mineral leases on Murphy Act land in Okaloosa and Santa Rosa Counties, applied for by The California Company. Notice of the sale was published in the Tallahassee Democrat and the Crestview News-Journal on May 22, 29, June 5, 12 and 19, 1953, and in the Milton Press- Gazette on May 21, 28, June 4, 11 and 18, 1953, with bids to be received June 30, 1953. On June 30th, only two members of the Trustees were present, but bids were received from The California Company as follows:

In Santa Rosa County:

\$150.00 for lease of the whole mineral interest in the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 26 West — 30 acres; \$1200.00 for lease of the whole mineral interest in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 27 West — 20 acres; and the reserved mineral interest in N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 5 North, Range 27 West — 20 acres; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 5 North, Range 26 West — 40 acres; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 4 North, Range 26 West — 40 acres; and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 26 West — 30 acres.

In Okaloosa County:

\$400.00 for lease of the reserved mineral interest in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 25 West — 40 acres, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 25 West — 10 acres.

After the first year the annual rental will be \$1.00 per acre per annum, based on surface acres.

No other bids were received.

It was explained that the bids were made on the basis of \$5.00 an acre annual rental for the first year and \$1.00 an acre annually thereafter, the bidder taking the position that in view of two dry holes having been drilled in that area recently, they would not be justified in making a higher bid.

Motion was made by Attorney General Ervin, seconded by Comptroller Gay, that the Trustees accept the bids from The California Company, representing the cash consideration, including annual rental for the first year, and authorize execution of Oil, Gas and Mineral leases for a primary term of ten (10) years with royalty payments of not less than one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) in kind or in value, with annual payments after the first year on the basis of \$1.00 per acre, increasing 5% of the \$1.00 an acre rental, after the first two years of said leases. The two members present approved acceptance of the bids from California Company, subject to approval of the Governor.

The bids were presented to the Governor and approved by him.

The informal action taken by three members was submitted for confirmation.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm action taken by three members on bid of The California Company set forth above.

Request was presented from Mr. L. P. Strickland that the Trustees reconsider Putnam County special case and reduce the base bid which was fixed at \$240.00. The application covers 99 subdivision lots in Olsen's Addition to Elin Park S/D of part of Section 22, Township 10 South, Range 24 East, containing 16 acres in Putnam County. The Clerk of the Circuit Court recommend that the base bid be reduced.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to allow the lots advertised with a base bid of \$160.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Flagler and Jefferson Counties, the Attorney General's office having approved such disposition on the

ground that the certificates vested no title in the State to the land covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller - Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

July 14, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Lawrence Rogers, on behalf of Mr. L. M. Stevens, offers \$25.00 an acre for 8.18 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land adjacent to up-land property of applicant located in Section 22, Township 25 South, Range 29 East, Osceola County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$25.00 an acre from Mr. Stevens for land applied for.

Mr. Joseph Kelleher presented an offer of \$6.25 an acre, or \$250.00 for purchase of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 42 South, Range 29 East, containing 40 acres in Glades County, Florida. Title to this parcel vested in the Trustees through settlement with Everglades Drainage District, Chapter 14717.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees make a counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bids provided Mr. Kelleher will agree to bid not less than \$10.00 an acre on date of sale.

Mr. Elliot presented written report dated July 10, 1953, having reference to erroneous U. S. Government surveys affecting certain tidal and submerged bottoms on the east side of Indian River in Section 12, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County. Mr. Elliot suggested that the subject be referred to the Attorney General for examination.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the question involved be referred to the Attorney General and Mr. Elliot for study and recommendation at a later date.

Mr. Elliot reported with reference to the Alabama-Florida boundary at the mouth of the Perdido River, Escambia County, that following the Joint Report of the Committee from Alabama and the Committee from Florida, dated May 29, 1953, the 1953 Legislature passed Senate Bill No. 1155, Chapter 28141; that a recommendation by the joint committee was that an accurate drawing of the boundary, accompanied by field notes of survey, be prepared and filed as a state survey for Florida in the Field Note Division of the office of Commissioner of Agriculture as a permanent record, the same action to be taken by the State of Alabama; that such drawing and field notes of survey have been prepared.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the suggestion of Mr. Elliot be approved and the drawing and field notes be filed in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture as a permanent record, and that the report of the Joint Committee be incorporated in the Minutes of the Trustees of this date.

**JOINT REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE FROM ALABAMA AND THE COMMITTEE FROM
FLORIDA ON THE FLORIDA-ALABAMA BOUNDARY AT THE
MOUTH OF THE PERDIDO RIVER**

At the locality of the Perdido River the Constitution of Florida described the state's boundary as:

"Commencing at the mouth of the river Perdido; from thence up the middle of said river to where it intersects the south boundary line of the State of Alabama, and the thirty-first degree of north latitude; thence due east" et cetera.

The last two calls of the boundary description are:

"thence northwestwardly three leagues from the land to a point west of the mouth of the Perdido River; thence to the place of beginning."

The Constitution of the State of Alabama in the same locality describes that state's boundary as:

"Beginning at the point where the thirty-first degree of north latitude crosses the Perdido river;"

and then east, north, west, and

"thence southwardly along the line of the State of Mississippi, to the Gulf of Mexico; thence eastwardly, including all islands within six leagues of the shore, to the Perdido river; thence up the said river to the beginning;"

While the Alabama boundary description does not specify middle of the river as does that of Florida, it is clear that the boundary between the two states cannot be other than common, wherever that boundary may be.

The particular locale in question is at the mouth of the Perdido river where the same passes between a headland in Florida and a headland in Alabama as the river reaches the Gulf of Mexico.

Both headlands are the termini of the low-lying narrow sand ridges or peninsulas, between which the river enters the gulf. These ridges border directly upon the open gulf and are subject to the action of the wind, wave and current. Even under normal conditions of sea and weather there is constant, though imperceptible, day by day movement along the shore of the headlands and at either side of the mouth of the river which in time produces a slow shifting of the river's mouth or pass. During severe winds from the gulf the change is relatively rapid and has at times breached the narrow peninsula on one side or the other, forming a new mouth or pass. One such occurred in 1906 as the result of a hurricane which breached the peninsula on the Florida side. The new pass became filled some years later. The original pass or mouth remained open, shifting back and forth.

Resulting from the shifting of the river's mouth, the boundary between Florida and Alabama in that locality has likewise shifted.

The problem of the two committees was to find a location for the common boundary between Florida and Alabama at the mouth of the river which would satisfy as nearly as practicable the middle of the river location and permanently fix the boundary at that location. The two committees, acting jointly, examined the locality on the ground, the physical characteristics of the terrain, studied maps, plats, charts, aerial photographs and other data disclosing what had taken place through the years since 1827, and procured information from residents in nearby areas familiar with conditions, past and present, within their lifetime.

Originally on the Alabama side, a narrow peninsula extended from just inside the mouth of the Perdido river eastward for a distance of approximately five miles. On the Florida side a narrow peninsula and eastward between the two to the east end of the mately six miles to the mouth of the river. The Florida peninsula, overlapping that of Alabama, borders upon the open gulf and is separated on the north from the Alabama peninsula by the river. At the west end of the Florida peninsula is the mouth of the river commonly referred to as Perdido Pass. The river separating the two peninsulas passes landward around the west end of the Florida peninsula and eastward between the two to the east end of the Alabama peninsula; thence around the east end thereof and westward along the north side of that peninsula between it and the bank of the river on the Florida side. At about the middle and north of Alabama peninsula, the river opens up into Perdido Bay. Up-stream to the northeastward, approximately fifteen miles, the bay becomes narrow and river characteristics again prevail continuously to the Alabama-Florida line at parrellel thirty-first degree north latitude.

About 1882 an opening believed to have been artificially made

came into existence across the Alabama peninsula to the northward of the mouth of the Perdido river and provided a short direct connection between Perdido Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. This opening made an island of that part of the Alabama peninsula to the eastward, called "Ono Island". This opening has persisted through many years and will probably continue unless, through some freakish behavior of nature's agencies, it becomes closed. This short cut from the bay to the gulf diverted the river current and the ebb and flow of tide from the former channel around the Alabama peninsula, causing, together with wind blown sand, a slow shoaling of the old river channel between that peninsula and the one on the Florida side. From a former depth of six to ten feet the old river is now but a foot or two in depth in its shallow places. It is not unlikely that it may become completely filled as time goes on, and therefore the suggestion hereinafter made for its marking.

Without going into detail covering our reasons therefor other than as may be drawn from that hereinbefore stated, the two committees acting jointly make the following recommendations:

1. That for boundary purposes, the middle of the Perdido River at its mouth be fixed at Latitude $30^{\circ}16' 53''$ North and Longitude $87^{\circ}31' 06''$ West; that this point be the control point; that said point be referenced to permanent concrete witness monuments on the shore safe against destruction. Said point is within the eastern and western limits of the migratory movement of the mouth of the river.
2. That a boundary line be fixed, as nearly as may be, in the axis of the mouth of Perdido River. That this line shall pass through the control point and run due north and south and have as its northern terminus a point at Latitude $30^{\circ}17' 02''$ North and Longitude $87^{\circ}31' 06''$ West and as its southern terminus a point one thousand feet due south of the control point.
3. That from the northern terminus of the boundary line at the mouth of the Perdido River, a line passing up the middle of the old river between Ono Island in Alabama and the peninsula to the southward in Florida, extending to and around the east end of Ono Island, be determined for boundary purposes as follows:

From the north end of the boundary line at the mouth of the river; thence by a straight line to a point at Latitude $30^{\circ}18' 00''$ North, Longitude $87^{\circ}27' 08''$ West; thence to a point in the center line of the Intracoastal Canal at Longitude $87^{\circ}27' 00''$ West.

4. In view of the recent Act of Congress restoring to the maritime states of the Union the offshore areas within their respective limits, that the seaward boundary between Florida and Alabama be fixed conformable, as

nearly as may be, to the boundary calls of the Constitution of the respective states as follows:

From the south end of the boundary line at the mouth of the river; thence south $00^{\circ} 01' 00''$ West to the seaward boundary of the respective states.

5. That upon completion of the work described in 1 to 4, accurate drawing thereof, accompanied by field notes of survey, be prepared. That for Florida, in pursuance of Section 253.41 Florida Statutes, the same be filed as a state survey for Florida in the field note division of the office of Commissioner of Agriculture as a permanent record. That for Alabama the same be filed as a permanent record in the office of the Secretary of the State of Alabama.
6. That the Legislature of both states, now in session, take such action as may be appropriate for confirming the location at the mouth of the Perdido River mutually agreed upon by the two committees, acting jointly, as the common boundary between the State of Florida and the State of Alabama conforming to the boundary as defined in the Constitution of the respective states.

Attached hereto is a map of the area herein referred to showing the recommended location for the boundary between Florida and Alabama conforming to the Constitution of each respective state as the same relates to the Perdido River.

FOR ALABAMA:

Earl M. McGowin, Chairman
W. G. Pruett, Member
William N. McQueen, Member

FOR FLORIDA

Richard H. Simpson, Chairman
F. C. Elliot, Member
Richard W. Ervin, Member
Philip D. Beall, Member

May 29, 1953

Mr. Elliot presented proposal from the City of Dunedin, Florida, for construction of radio tower and operation of the radio station to be carried out as follows:

The City of Dunedin will provide the purchase price for conveyance by the Trustees to Walter K. Prior and George F. Saunders, upland owners of submerged bottoms in front of their upland property. The City will then lease the area conveyed to upland owners and contract with Radio Station WBOY for erection of the tower and operation of the Station. The submerged parcel applied for on behalf of upland owners is described as 8 acres, more or less, in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County. The city offers the Trustees \$150.00 an acre for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the proposal by the City of Dunedin, Florida, and agree to advertise the land for objections only based on the offer of \$150.00 an acre, with conveyance to be made to the adjacent upland owners.

Mr. Wells asked if any change was contemplated in action recently taken by the Trustees withholding from sale submerged and sovereignty lands owned by the State. He stated that numerous applications are on file and applicants are asking when they might expect action.

Mr. Elliot advised that he was preparing a report on the subject which takes into consideration the location of the land, the cost of filling or improving and withholding from sale entirely of strategic areas that might be desirable for beaches, right of ways, and wildlife preservation.

Attorney General Ervin brought out that when the sales were withheld there was pending in the Legislature a bill which would have regulated sales of this kind. Re-appraisal of submerged areas was contemplated, having in mind retaining certain locations for public purposes and future needs; that numerous complaints were being received to sales of submerged areas that were being developed for commercial purposes to the point of being abusive, and it was thought best to hold up sales until more information could be had on the subject; that complete stoppage of sales would not be fair as upland owners' rights will have to be respected, but more time will be required to prepare maps and suggestions as to different localities for consideration by the Trustees.

Mr. Larson expressed the opinion that the Trustees should get appraisals of submerged areas owned by the state; that since the lands are advertised for sale subject to objections only and without competitive bidding, the Trustees do not have that as a guide of the land values.

Mr. Wells explained that submerged and sovereignty lands have never been appraised generally; that each application is investigated and oftentimes he personally examines the land and ascertains the price being received by private individuals for property in the same area.

At the suggestion of the Attorney General it was agreed to have Mr. Elliot complete his report and submit to the Trustees with maps and suggestions as to what parcels could be considered for advertisement and sale.

Mr. Elliot reported that Mr. William H. Johnson, Jr., has completed all requirements under his Homestead Entry No. 7-C Sarasota County, and requests issuance of deed by the county, the parcel being owned by Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees recommend to the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County that deed be issued to Mr. Johnson conveying the land covered by his homestead entry.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of Murphy Act land:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
CITRUS	7-7-53	1
HAMILTON	7-6-53	1
JACKSON	6-29-53	1
MARION	3-2-53	3
POLK	5-30-53	6
SUMTER	7-6-53	1
VOLUSIA	6-8-53	1
VOLUSIA	6-23-53	2
VOLUSIA	7-6-53	14
WASHINGTON	6-22-53	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees execute the following deeds for the purpose of releasing the state road right of way reservation in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department:

Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 872 to Henry Sprintz Stores, Inc.

Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1787-Cor. to Paul P. Lumley et al

Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 2018 to Paul P. Lumley et al

Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 2022 to Paul P. Lumley et al

Pt. Dade Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2194 to Glen W. Rose and Zita M. Rose

Pt. Dade Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4277-EDDJ to Jefferson Mortgage Corp.

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3581 to Robert Warren Wilson and Marion B. Wilson

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. Gay
Comptroller - Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

July 21, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

It was announced that several sales were advertised to be held on this date, the first five (5) being for competitive bidding.

On June 9, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 an acre from Mr. Claude S. Ginn of Sarasota, Florida, for purchase of 280 acres of land in Section 24, Township 16 South, Range 15 East, Levy County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bidding, starting at \$10.00 an acre, and notice was published in the Levy County Journal on June 18, 25, July 2, 9 and 16, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and announcement made that owing to question as to title, the Attorney General suggested that action on this sale be postponed until investigation can be made as to title status.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that sale of Levy County land be postponed until the Attorney General returns and has opportunity to make the necessary examination and report.

Mr. J. Velma Keen of Tallahassee, Florida, asked that he be notified when the Levy County land is offered for sale.

On June 9, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 an acre from Mr. Claude S. Ginn of Sarasota, Florida, for purchase of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, all in Section 27, Township 46 South, Range 27 East, containing 240 acres in Lee County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, based on offer submitted, and notice was published in the Fort Myers Press on June 19, 26, July 3, 10 and 17, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$16.50 an acre being offered by Mr. B. M. Shotkin, President of Board of Trade, Inc., of Miami, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the highest bid and confirm sale in favor of Board of Trade, Inc., of Miami, represented by Mr. B. M. Shotkin.

On June 9, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$15.00 an acre from Mr. E. H. Wilkerson for purchase of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, containing 39.80 acres, more or less, in Lake County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, based on offer submitted, and notice was published in the Lake Region of Eustis, Florida, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$30.00 an acre being made by Mr. E. H. Wilkerson.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the highest bid and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Wilkerson.

On June 9, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 an acre from Mr. Chester Crowder for purchase of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, containing 79.76 acres, more or less, in Lake County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids based on offer from applicant, and notice of sale was published in the Lake Region of Eustis, Florida, on June 19, 26, July 3, 10 and 17, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$15.00 an acre being offered by Mr. J. C. Powell of Umatilla, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the highest bid and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Powell.

On June 16, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$50.00 an acre from William H. West for purchase of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, containing 5 acres, more or less, in Broward County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids based on offer submitted, and notice was published in Fort Lauderdale News on June 22, 29, July 6, 13 and 20, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in the highest bid of \$367.00 an acre being offered by Dr. Alfred Richard Taylor.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$367.00 an acre from Dr. Taylor and confirm sale in his favor.

On June 9, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from Mr. Sidney C. Wood, on behalf of Joseph M. and Necebie M. Langford, for purchase of 1.6 acres, more or less, of sovereignty land between north and south lines projected easterly, on Section 17, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, lying east of Lake Worth Drainage Equalizing Canal, in Palm Beach County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only, applicant being the adjacent upland owner, and notice of sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on June 19, 26, July 3, 10 and 17, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and verbal objection was presented from Mr. B. M. Shotkin on the ground that the notice did not state that applicant was the adjacent upland owner. He also offered \$100.00 above the offer of applicant.

The Chairman explained to Mr. Shotkin that the applicant was the adjacent upland owner, and that the Trustees' policy was to sell only to the upland owner the submerged land in front of his property.

No valid, legal objections having been filed, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Langford and wife.

On June 9, 1953, the Trustees considered application from Mr. Russell O. Morrow, on behalf of Dr. Grady H. Brantley and Harriett Brantley, his wife, with offer of \$100.00 an acre for purchase of a parcel of submerged lake bottom land in Lake Osborne, lying and being in the Hiatus between Townships 44 and 45 South, Range 43 East, and Section 5, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only, as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on June 19, 26, July 3, 10 and 17, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Dr. Brantley and wife at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

On June 9, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Clem C. Price for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land lying southerly of Lots 21, 22 and 23 of Sun Krest Subdivision on

Stock Island, being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 34, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, containing 0.7 of an acre, more or less, in Monroe County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on June 19, 26, July 3, 10 and 17, 1953, with sale to be on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and objections were filed by Mr. Joseph Sirugo and Mr. Phillip Toppino on the ground that the land applied for extends beyond the half-way mark between property of Mr. Price and the parties protesting.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that action on the sale be postponed pending disposition of the objections.

On June 16, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 from Mr. John C. Gramling, on behalf of Mr. Floyd W. Davis, for purchase of approximately 1 acre of submerged land adjacent to Government Lot 2, Section 9, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on June 22, 29, July 6, 13 and 20, 1953, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Davis at the price offered—\$300.00 for the parcel—subject to final checking of the description by the Engineer.

Mrs. Faye Miller submitted offer of \$200.00 an acre for purchase of Government Lot 4, Section 32, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, containing 16.05 acres, more or less, in Pinellas County, Florida. The land is adjacent to upland ownership of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only, based on offer from Mrs. Miller.

Mr. John G. DuPuis submitted request that the Trustees execute quitclaim deed in his favor for correcting error in Deed No. 14273, issued September 21, 1890 to Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company, conveying Government Lot 1, Section 1, Township 52 South, Range 41 East, Dade County. The records show that the Trustees erroneously deeded this land in 1890; that the United States patented the land out in 1901 to William N. Woods and title was never in the State of Florida. The minutes of the Trustees dated December 11, 1901 disclose that the Trustees attempted to correct the error and

remove cloud from Mr. Wood's title, but the records are not complete and the Attorney General's office advises that there appears no reason why the Trustees cannot now issue quitclaim deed to the present owner claiming title under Mr. Woods.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of quitclaim deed in favor of the present owner as suggested by the Attorney General's office.

Mr. Elliot reported in reference to letter from Mr. B. M. Shotkin to the Attorney General in which statement is made that the Trustees have violated Section 270.07, Florida Statutes, in selling to Mr. Joseph Kelleher certain lots in Pompano Terrace, Broward County. The Attorney General asked the Secretary to reply to Mr. Shotkin's letter and advise the Trustees of his findings. The report is as follows and was embodied in letter to Mr. Shotkin:

1. As to violation of Section 270.07 Florida Statutes, this section provides that "no land shall be sold, conveyed or disposed of by said Trustees . . . until notice by publication shall have been given for the full term of 30 days prior to such sale." You state that the Trustees "violated Florida Statutes Chapter 270.07 in selling . . . without advertising." You apparently overlooked Section 270.09 Florida Statutes which says that "and provided further that Section 270.06 to 270.08 and this section shall not apply where the quantity of land shown to be sold does not exceed a half section of land." The Pompano Terrace lands were less than a half section. However, the records of the Trustees disclose that said land was actually advertised for sale June 3, 1952.
2. The advertisement was for the purpose of inviting bids. You were present at the bidding and bid \$4,700 on the land. Your recollection on that point appears to be faulty.
3. The records of the Trustees further show that you did not make your bid good by depositing with the Trustees the purchase contract amount required, and on February 3, 1953, after the elapse of eight (8) months, the Trustees declared your bid vacated and cancelled the sale. The same land was then sold to Mr. Joe Kelleher in the purchase amount of \$4,700.00, not including interest on deferred payments—the same amount as your bid which you forfeited. Mr. Kelleher made the first payment required under the contract and his contract is in good standing and valid.
4. Subsequently, on February 6, 1953, about the time you heard of the sale of the Pompano Terrace land to Kelleher, the Trustees received from you a registered letter and check both dated June 15, 1952, in an envelope bearing Miami mailing date February 5, 1953 and Tallahassee receiving date February 6, 1953. The belated check was returned. The records of the Trustees further show that on February 17, 1953, you appeared before them and were given a full hearing on the matter. Final action on the

subject was taken by the Trustees at a meeting held February 24, 1953, in which former action by them was confirmed. So far as the Trustees are concerned the matter is closed.

Mr. Shotkin being present reiterated statements made before the board at a former meeting. He was advised that this matter was thoroughly investigated by the Attorney General, report made to the Trustees, and the subject is closed.

Mr. Shotkin stated that he would like to have copies of all advertisements for the sale of land by the Trustees and copies of oil leases being advertised. Information from the Land Office was that Mr. Shotkin is furnished with copy of each advertisement of land for sale under competitive bidding and also receives copy of the State Marketing Bulletin which carries all advertisements.

The Chairman advised Mr. Shotkin that all sales, including Murphy Act lands, are advertised in the counties in which the land is located and that is done for the purpose of giving the public notice of such sales; that it would be impossible for the Trustees to furnish copies of these notices to every citizen in the State of Florida and it cannot be done for him; that he can get this information through the sources mentioned.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission that the Trustees approve issuance of permit by the Commission to Gulf Oil Corporation for geophysical exploration work on land in Charlotte County, owned by the Commission with title in the State of Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve issuance of permit as requested by the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary	\$ 875.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	525.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	450.00
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant	400.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	458.33
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	400.00
B. G. Shafter, Clerk-Stenographer	291.67
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	27.50
Deeb Builders, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla., Final payment, air conditioning Capitol	24,471.43
Jacob Wagner, Miami, Fla., Refund, Deed No. 20392 ..	175.00
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	8.63

Clearwater Sun Inc., Clearwater, Fla., For advertising land sale	15.33
Ft. Lauderdale Daily News, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., For advertising land sale	13.80
The Miami Herald, Miami, Fla., For advertising land sale	33.60
Arthur W. Newell, CCC Orange County, For plats of Lake Ola	3.00
Guyte P. McCord, Clerk, Supreme Court Filing fee ..	12.00
H. T. Piety, CCC Highlands County, For verifying transcript—Case 5431	1.65
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, To Principal State School Fund	27,196.32
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, To State Board of Conservation	7,797.24
Ted Cabot, CCC Broward County, For settlement Tax Cert. 4, land in 12-51-39, taxes for 1936 through 1943	241.00
3% to General Revenue	6,727.27
TOTAL	\$ 70,398.77

Financial statements for the month of June, 1953, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of June 1, 1953	\$133,484.03
Receipts for the month:	
Land Sales	\$108,560.65
Quitclaim Deeds	70.00
Tax Refunds	857.32
Certified Copies of Trustees Minutes	16.00
Advertising Refund	15.33
Interest—100 coupons from U. S. Bonds	12,500.00
Refund on shipment of supplies for Air Conditioning	5.51
Warrant No. 117947 of 11-14-52—Sale Date .....	.50
Campsites Lease	25.00
Sand, Shell and Coquina Leases	9,273.59
Miscellaneous Leases	375.00
Grazing Leases	1,557.26
Interest on Contracts	21.38
Timber Lease	149.60
Oil and Gas Leases	2,108.80
Farm Leases	5,895.98
Total Receipts for the month of June, 1953	\$141,431.92
Less Disbursements for the month	15,348.47
BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1953	\$259,567.48

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF JUNE, 1953

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
6- 5-53	324176	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	\$ 236.30

	324177	Tallahassee Democrat	91.80
	324178	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	15.00
	324179	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	23.10
	324180	Genuine Auto Parts Co.	2.50
	324181	Ivey Motors, Inc.	1.50
	324182	Lake City Reporter	15.33
	324183	Capital Office Equipment Co.	3.10
	324184	Western Union Telegraph Co.	13.42
6- 9-53	327242	John D. Moriarty	18.35
6-10-53	327633	State Treas.—Trans. to Prin. Sch. Fd.	8,410.17
	327634	State Treas.—Trans. St. Bd. Conserv.	2,710.70
6-11-53	329944	General Electric Supply Co.	6.00
6-18-53	338396	Florida Legislative Reporters	500.00
6-22-53	340899	Southeastern Telephone Co.	35.95
	340900	Capital Office Equipment Co.	10.35
	340901	News Tribune, Inc.	11.50
	340902	Vero Beach Press-Journal	14.95
6-24-53	344269	Cancellation & Restoration Fund, Warrant No. 117947 dated 11-14-52 ..	.50
6-30-53	300356	F. C. Elliot	621.95
	300357	A. R. Williams	387.85
	300358	A. C. Bridges	310.96
	300359	J. B. Linn	292.60
	300360	M. O. Barco	217.73
	300361	J. L. Dedge	297.26
	300362	B. G. Shelfer	189.25
	300363	Sinclair Wells	166.25
	300364	C. M. Greene	47.50
	300365	R. N. Landers	23.75
	300366	Blue Cross of Florida	23.15
	300367	Southern States Life Ins. Co.	17.55
	300368	5% Retirement Fund	139.24
	300369	Federal Tax	411.60
	356863	Arthur W. Newell, CCC	3.00
	356864	Ted Cabot, CCC Broward County ..	1.35
	356865	H. T. Piety, CCC Highlands County ..	1.20
	356866	Guyte P. McCord	12.00
	356867	George G. Crawford, CCC Leon County	11.10
	356868	Southeastern Telephone Co.	42.20
	356869	Shell Oil Company	9.21
	356870	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	1.25

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF JUNE, 1953 \$ 15,348.47

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of June 1, 1953	\$ 896.62
Receipts	None
Disbursements:	

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
6-11-53	331119	Treasurer of U. S. A.	896.62

BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1953 None

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

6- 2-53	\$ 2,783.70
6- 8-53	25.00
6-16-53	2,507.25
6-30-53	3,235.95
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR MONTH OF JUNE, 1953	\$ 8,551.90

Disbursements from General Revenue:

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
6-30-53	297374	Ernest Hewitt	\$ 315.33
	297375	M. C. Pichard	220.06
	297376	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	7.75
	297377	5% Retirement Fund	18.58
	297378	Federal Tax	56.60
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF JUNE, '53			\$ 618.32

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
HERNANDO	7-11-53	1
INDIAN RIVER	7-13-53	2
LAKE	7-13-53	10
SEMINOLE	6-29-53	7
VOLUSIA	7-14-53	6

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Request was presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Brevard County that the Trustees fix the base bid for advertising approximately 815 lots in Merritt Grove Subdivision, a subdivision of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ (except S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$) in Section 17, Township 23 South, Range 37 East, located across the river from Long Range Proving Grounds in Brevard County, an offer of \$510.00 having been received for advertising said lots.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the lots advertised with a base bid of \$2000.00, and that the Clerk be so advised.

The Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County submitted

an offer of \$10.00 for purchase of Lot 63, Lexington Park, located in Section 5, Township 10 South, Range 27 East, Putnam County. The base bid required for regular sale would be \$7.50.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Putnam County and authorize conveyance of the lot under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates covering land in Citrus and Franklin Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that no title vested in the state to land covered by said certificates.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$	410.83
M. C. Pichard, Secretary-Clerk		291.66
Ernest Hewitt—Expenses, trip to Bristol, Fla.		11.85
Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla., For printing bidding reports		73.50
	TOTAL	\$ 787.84

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller - Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida, July 28, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells requested reconsideration of Levy County land that was advertised for competitive bids, to be sold July 21, and sale postponed on account of conflicting claims. Mr. Claude S. Ginn, the ap-

plicant, offered \$10.00 an acre for 280 acres in Section 24, Township 16 South, Range 15 East.

Attorney General Ervin explained that Judge Wilbur F. Anderson and Mr. W. B. Paterson, representing Paterson-McInnis Lumber Company, and Clerk of the Circuit Court Ernest Stephens, discussed with him and Mr. Elliot the claim of the Lumber Company to this land. Statement was made that for more than 25 years taxes have been paid to the county; that this land is located within the inclosure of Paterson-McInnis Lumber Company's lands and they feel a mistake has been made. They are willing to make an offer for the land.

Upon discussion of the matter, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Attorney General write Mr. Ginn and explain the situation to him with reference to Paterson-McInnis Lumber Company.

Mr. Wells reported that on November 18, 1952, the Trustees agreed to sell to owners of the adjacent upland twenty-six parcels of submerged land in Boca Ratones Lagoon, Palm Beach County. A majority of the deeds have been issued to the original applicants, however, several transfers in title have been made and now conveyances should be made to the new upland owners. Authority is requested for execution of deeds in favor of the present upland owners.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that authority be given for issuance of deeds as recommended by Mr. Wells.

Mr. George S. Brockway, on behalf of Bessemer Properties, Incorporated, submitted an offer of \$500.00 an acre for bottom lands in Lake Worth lying west of and across State Road A-1-A from the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 126, Lots 127, 128, 129, South 115 feet of Lot 132, and Lots 133 to 141, inclusive, of Palm Beach Estates, the western boundary of said lands being the Town of Palm Beach bulkhead line, lying and being in Sections 14 and 23, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, containing 11.97 acres, more or less, in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for sale, subject to objections only, based on offer of \$500.00 an acre from Bessemer Properties, Incorporated.

Mr. Wells requested consideration of postponed sale from June 2, 1953, of approximately 250 acres of submerged bottoms in Township 65 South, Range 33 East, Monroe County, advertised for objections only. The land was applied for by Mr. W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Mr. Stanley Switlik, with offer of \$100.00 an acre. No objections were filed to the sale. Mr. Wells recommends that the sale be confirmed in favor of Mr. Switlik.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land in favor of Mr. Switlik at the price offered — \$100.00 an acre.

On May 12, 1953, Mr. Doyle E. Carlton, on behalf of St. Armand's-Lido Realty Corporation, applied to purchase 249.72 acres of submerged land on Longboat Key in Township 36 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County, Florida, and made an offer of \$150.00 an acre. This application, together with a number of others for purchase of submerged land, was held up pending further study by the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the area for objections only based on offer of \$150.00 an acre.

Mr. Neil B. Barnum, on behalf of two (2) clients, submitted the following offers for purchase of lake bottom land on Lake Conway, Orange County, adjacent to upland ownership:

Edna I. Hoffner offers \$300.00 an acre for 0.19 of an acre, more or less, of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Conway, abutting the Northeasterly 77 feet of Lot 5, J. H. Livingstone S/D of Sections 18 and 19, Township 23 South, Range 30 East;

Madge H. Medlock offers \$300.00 an acre for 0.22 of an acre of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Conway, abutting the Southwest 90 feet of the Northeast 167 feet of Lot 5, J. H. Livingstone S/D of Sections 18 and 19, Township 23 South, Range 30 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offers submitted and authorize execution of deeds in favor of Mr. Barnum's clients.

Mr. J. H. Holloway, treasurer of Lykes Bros., Inc., made application for one-year extension of Grazing Lease No. 109 covering 174.53 acres of land in Sections 27 and 34, Township 40 South, Range 32 East, Glades County, offering the same rental at the rate of seventy-five cents (75¢) per acre annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of one year on Lease No. 109 at the rental offered.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Kirtley, Kirtley & Kirtley, attorneys of Miami, Florida, requesting that the Trustees postpone sale advertised for August 18, involving water bottoms owned by the state between Key Biscayne and Key Largo, on which it is proposed to construct causeway and bridges. The area was authorized advertised for competitive bids on application from Mr. Thomas H. Horobin.

No action was taken on the request, the members present being of the opinion that there would be no sale, indications being that numerous objections will be filed to the sale.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Application was presented from Gulf Oil Corporation for oil, gas and mineral lease of the reserved interest held by the state in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, Township 41 South, Range 21 East, Charlotte County. The applicant states that it holds lease from the fee owner, Mr. A. C. Frizzell. They offer \$1.00 per acre annual rental.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the reserved interest for oil, gas and mineral lease on the land in Charlotte County applied for by Gulf Oil Corporation.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the following deeds be executed for the purpose of releasing state road right of way reserved in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department:

- Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 77-Cor. to Robert E. Asbury
- Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1322 to John J. Reardon
- Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1467 to Natale Marasco and wife
- Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 2001 to Ralph H. Coker and wife
- Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 2564 to Nettie Durante
- Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 3103-EDDJ to Wilson F. House and wife
- Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 3262 to Bertye Whitener and Frances O. Taylor
- Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1673 to Lawrence McGahee and Laura McGahee
- Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1673 to Brown-Mason, Inc.
- Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2305 to Mario Zacchini and wife
- Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3511 to Mario Zacchini and wife
- Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4139 to Brown-Mason, Inc.
- Pt. Pinellas Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2131 to Davis Construction Corp.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller - Acting Chairman

Attest: Jentye Dedge
Acting Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida, August 4, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated July 7 and 14, 1953, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Request was presented from Mr. Charles W. Pace, Director of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund join in an oil and gas lease, if and when executed, on a non-participating basis, involving approximately 59,105 acres of land in Township 41 South, Ranges 23, 24 and 25 East, and in Township 42 South, Ranges 23, 24 and 25 East, Charlotte County, title to the land being in the "STATE OF FLORIDA for the use and benefit of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission." The request is similar to one recently approved by the Trustees for lands in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and agree to join in lease when and if executed by the Commission after advertisement of the land as required by law, it being understood that there will be no monetary consideration coming to the Trustees from said lease.

Attention was called to advertisement of submerged bottoms being advertised for competitive bids to be received August 18, 1953, based on application from Mr. Thos. H. Horobin.

No action was taken on the subject, but the opinion was expressed that there probably would be no sale of this area owing to objections filed to sale of this land.

Mr. Gay called attention to the necessity of having all descriptions checked before advertisements for sale of land are published and suggested that the Engineer's office be requested to check such descriptions.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that all descriptions be checked by the Engineer's department before advertisements are sent out, and when deeds or contracts are circulated for signatures that note be attached showing the description in said instrument has been checked by Engineer for Trustees.

Mr. John T. Wigginton of the law firm of Caldwell, Parker, Foster & Wigginton, representing Coastal Petroleum Company and Gulf Oil Corporation, called attention to matter presented to two members of the Trustees last week and their tentative approval subject to checking and report from the Engineer and Secretary. The request was that the Trustees approve a drilling site in Charlotte Harbor, Charlotte County, as adequate to comply with the requirements of Lease No. 224-B, and was made as a result of joint agreement between Coastal and Gulf, whereby Coastal is surrendering to Gulf a one-half undivided interest in certain portions of State Lease 224-B, lying approximately one mile east of the drill site.

Mr. Elliot reported that he has checked the description and the location of the proposed well and finds the same to be approximately three-fourths of a mile west of what the map indicates to be the shore line of Charlotte Harbor in Section 35, Township 41 South, Range 21 East, subject, however, to lack of proof as to definite boundary between lands leased by Gulf and submerged bottoms leased by Coastal, in that a fringe of mangrove borders the shore and the line of ordinary high tide, as the boundary between Gulf and Coastal is not definitely located. Description, however, for all practical purposes is sufficient. The arrangement requested by Coastal and Gulf is similar to other situations which have been approved by the Trustees in the matter of overriding royalty on the well to be drilled near but outside of Coastal's territory.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the request from Coastal Petroleum Company and Gulf Oil Corporation that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund approve the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 41 South, Range 21 East, lying and being in Charlotte County, as a drilling site adequate to comply with the requirements of Lease No. 224-B between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and Coastal Petroleum Company, conditioned that Coastal Petroleum Company and Gulf Oil Corporation agree, as to the foregoing forty-acre drilling site, to drill for oil to a depth of not less than 12,000 feet unless oil or impenetrable formation is encountered at less depth, and to give to the state a one-eighth royalty made up as follows:

One-sixteenth overriding royalty in the well to be drilled on the location described, and

One-sixteenth overriding royalty on the first 40 acres upon which any additional well is drilled as an off-set to the above described location.

that the footage to be drilled in the first well shall be applied against the footage on Lease No. 224-B, Drilling Block #7.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Request was presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Walton County for correction of grantee's name in original Deed No. 312 issued May 19, 1947.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of Walton County Deed No. 312-Cor. in favor of E. J. Hinkelman for the purpose of correcting grantee's name.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of Dade County SRD Quitclaim Deed No. 1942-Cor. to Henry Otto Jensen and wife, releasing the state road right of way reservation retained in original deed, the State Road Department having approved such release.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for conveyance of the Easterly 50 feet of Lots 6 and 7, Block 19, Mason City, Columbia County, Section 22, Township 5 South, Range 17 East, desired in Connection with State Road 25 — Sec. 2903-203 — SRD 208.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the lots applied for by the State Road Department, under provisions of Chapter 21684.

Request was submitted from the State Road Department for drainage ditch easement across the northerly or northwesterly 30 feet of Lot 22, Block 1, Rio Vista Gardens, Volusia County, for use in connection with State Road 5 — Sec. 7903-208 — SRD 688-R.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement for drainage ditch purposes in favor of the State Road Department across the land described.

Osborne, Copp and Markham, attorneys of Jacksonville, on behalf of National Lead Company, made application for release of mineral reservations retained by the Trustees in approximately 50 lots in Barrett's Addition to Gilmore Heights and Section A of Gilmore Heights, Duval County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize release of the mineral reservation as requested upon payment of \$2.00 per lot, with a minimum of \$5.00 per deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in Alachua County certificate issued against land which has been owned and used for fraternal purposes since 1925, the Attorney General's office having advised that such disposition was in order.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller - Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida, August 18, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented minutes of the Trustees dated July 21, 28 and August 4, 1953, with information that copies have been delivered to each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells reported that several sales were scheduled to be held today as follows:

BROWARD COUNTY: On July 7, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Charles F. Stewart for purchase of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Government Lot 2, West of Seaboard Airline Railway R/W, in Section 3, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, containing 12 acres, more or less. It was agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$100.00 an acre and notice of the sale was published in the Fort Lauderdale News on July 17, 24, 31, August 7 and 14, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out with statement that the Trustees reserve right of way through the land for Central and

Southern Florida Flood Control District; also that a high bid of \$180.00 an acre has been received from Mr. Sylvan Zemel, at which the bids would start. Competitive bidding resulted in \$355.00 an acre being offered by Mr. B. R. Cameron.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$355.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Cameron.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY: On July 7, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 an acre from Mr. Victor Blue for purchase of the W $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township 6 South, Range 29 East, containing 135 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$10.00 an acre, and notice of the sale was published in the St. Augustine Record on JULY 17, 24, 31, August 7 and 14, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and announcement made that a high bid of \$15.00 an acre has been received from Sylvan Zemel. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$16.50 an acre from Mr. Victor Blue.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$16.50 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Blue.

DADE AND MONROE COUNTIES: On June 16, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100,000.00 from Mr. Thomas H. Horobin of Coral Gables for purchase of a strip of land, mostly submerged, being 2000 feet in width, comprising approximately 2500 acres running south from Key Biscayne in Dade County to the intersection of State Road No. 1 on Key Largo in Monroe County. Mr. Horobin plans for the construction of a scenic highway between the two keys. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections and competitive bids with a starting offer of \$100,000.00. Notice of the sale was published in the Miami Herald, Miami, Florida, and the Key West Citizen, Key West, Florida, on July 17, 24, 31, August 7 and 14, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Before description of the land was called out, the Chairman suggested that the Board decide whether to offer the land for sale, in view of the numerous objections that have come in, or whether to call the sale off.

Mr. Mayo suggested that the Trustees proceed to receive bids and hold them in abeyance until a public hearing can be held in Miami; that the State Road Department, the County Commissioners of Dade and Monroe Counties, and city officials of Miami be invited to attend.

Attorney General Ervin gave his views substantially as follows: That owing to the number of objections received from Dade County and other public bodies, and in as much as the proposal involves the highway system of Dade and Monroe Counties, said objections carry sufficient weight with him that he thinks the Trustees should drop the application to sell to private interests.

The Chairman stated that the question is whether to withdraw the land from sale, or whether to receive bids now with the understanding that the land will not be sold at this time.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees proceed to receive bids now, reserving the right of acceptance until a hearing can be held in Miami, inviting the Road Department, Dade and Monroe County Commissioners and any one else desiring to be heard to be present; that he thinks the Trustees should find out what price would be offered for the land.

Mr. Larson stated that he would be reluctant to seconded the motion made by Mr. Mayo as his views are very much like those expressed by the Attorney General; however, he feels like the parties present should be given the privilege of being heard and for that reason he will second the motion of Mr. Mayo with the reservation that the Trustees make their decision at a later date. Vote on the motion is as follows:

Yea: Messrs. Mayo and Larson

Nay: Mr. Ervin

Mr. Larson stated that he felt any person present who desired to be heard on this subject should be given that opportunity at this time.

Mr. I. D. MacVicar, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County, read a resolution which he stated the County Commissioners are in unanimous agreement upon and would have adopted at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on this date (August 18, 1953) but was postponed for the meeting in Tallahassee. Said proposed resolution is as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS this Board has been opposed to the construction of islands in Biscayne Bay for private profit; and

WHEREAS representatives of Key Largo Ocean Drive, Inc., a nonprofit corporation of the State of Florida, have presented to this Board preliminary drawings showing the proposed location of a road and causeway with necessary bridges connecting the southerly end of Key Biscayne in Dade County with the northerly end of Key Largo in Monroe County, which plans provide for the construction of three islands in Biscayne Bay south of Key Biscayne, over which such proposed road and causeway would run; and

WHEREAS there has also been presented to this Board a proposed agreement relating to the construction of such causeway, road and islands without cost to Dade County or the taxpayers thereof and for the conveyance to Dade County of public parks, playgrounds, beaches and school sites, also without cost to Dade County or its taxpayers; and

WHEREAS this Board is satisfied that it is necessary to provide for such islands and the development thereof in order to procure the necessary money for the construction of such causeway and road, and also that any excess that may remain after the sale of the lands on such islands is not to be used for private profit, but it to be used wholly for philanthropic purposes; and

WHEREAS this Board is convinced that it is in the public interest that this Board enter into said agreement with Key Largo Ocean Drive, Inc., a copy of which is hereto attached and by reference made a part hereof;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Chairman or Vice Chairman and Clerk or Deputy Clerk of this Board be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to execute said agreement for and in behalf of this Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida be and they are hereby urged to approve said agreement, and to make available to Key Largo Ocean Drive, Inc. the lands necessary for the accomplishment of the purposes of the agreement.

The County Commissioners will officially adopt said resolution at the meeting to be held August 19, 1953, and sign the agreement with a non-profit corporation.

Mr. MacVicar read the agreement proposed to be entered into between the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County and Key Largo Ocean Drive, Inc., and requested that the Trustees reject sale of the land as advertised to the private individual or group as it would be against the public interest in general and against the interest of the people in Dade and Monroe Counties; that the Trustees entertain a new proposal from the Key Largo Ocean Drive, Inc., and give their proposal every consideration; that said proposal will give to Dade and Monroe Counties a twenty-four million dollar scenic highway with parks, schools and public beaches.

Dade County Commissioner Hugh Peters displayed maps showing the land under the new proposal and the route of the proposed highway and three islands to be constructed adjacent thereto. He

explained that a second reason why the Trustees should not receive bids for the land as advertised was because the route proposed by the Key Largo Ocean Beach group is not the same as advertised and said company would be handicapped in bidding. The proposed agreement calls for construction of the highway, parks, beaches and other area by Key Largo Ocean Drive, Inc., without cost to the county and the highway will be given to the state, if it will take title, or to the counties. Toll will be charged limited to an amount just sufficient to take care of maintenance and operation of the project. Any amounts received from sale of land on the islands above cost of the project will go to charitable institutions.

Upon inquiry from the Attorney General as to the officials of the company, Mr. Hollis Rinehart gave the names of the persons comprising the company as Messrs. Harrison Williams, Paul E. Sawyer, Radford R. Crane, Marion Pafford and Alex Balfe.

Mr. Bernie Papy, Representative from Monroe County, endorsed the plan submitted by Dade County Commissioners, stating that he thought it was a good thing and would be a great benefit to Dade and Monroe Counties. He urged the Trustees to go along with the request and deed the land to Dade and Monroe Counties for \$1.00; that the state will benefit by construction of the road as land that is now assessed for \$30.00 an acre will go to \$300.00 or \$400.00 an acre.

Mr. B. R. Cameron of Broward County stated that while the proposed highway would not touch his county it would be of great benefit to the whole area down there, but felt that the people as a whole would stand to gain more from the plan proposed by the private individual.

Mr. Beland, president of Elliot Key Corporation, spoke on behalf of the plan outlined by the Dade County Commissioners.

Miss Susan Kirtley, representing Mr. H. Litchenberg, requested that no bids be accepted on the land as a temporary restraining order has been issued against the Trustees selling this land.

Attorney General Ervin asked Miss Kirtley if the Trustees abandoned the sale of the land under the application from Mr. Horobin if the suit would not be moot, to which she replied that it would.

Mr. MacVicar urged that the plan offered by the proposed resolution of the Dade County Board of Commissioners be approved by the Trustees.

Mr. Rinehart suggested that since there is a restraining order prohibiting the Trustees from accepting bids under the application of Mr. Horobin, that there is a proposal from the Dade County Commissioners and the non-profit corporation which can be considered and stated that any restrictions the Trustees desired to have, the corporation would welcome; that the plan will call for an expenditure of approximately twenty-eight million dollars; that three islands will be constructed, lots will be offered for sale and any

revenue over and above cost of the project will be 'turned over to charitable organizations of the state.

The plan for selling the lots on the islands was discussed.

Mr. Horobin stated that he had started plans for this road back in 1945 at the request of Dade County Commissioners and had been working on it ever since; that he has secured right of way across Biscayne Key and displayed maps showing route of the proposed road which will be operated for the public and title will be conveyed to the state; that the road will be operated as a toll road with a charge of not in excess of twenty-five cents. He asked that Mrs. Horobin be allowed to present their case, as he was not physically able to do so.

Mrs. Horobin reviewed the plans of Mr. Horobin, his dealings with the County Commissioners; outlined the work he has done to promote the building of this road, his contacts with Mr. Rinehart (whom he considered was acting as his attorney), the conferences he had with Mr. Harrison Williams, Mr. Rinehart and their efforts to get Mr. Horobin out of the picture, the final result being the proposed plan of the County Commissioners and Key Largo Ocean Drive, Inc.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Rinehart answered statements made by Mrs. Horobin and explained their connection with the plan of Mr. Horobin. They also explained the plan for sale of the lots and the pre-sale price at which they would be offered in order to provide funds with which to pay surveyors, attorneys and numerous other expense which would be necessary.

Attorney General Ervin expressed the view that the Trustees should deal with Dade and Monroe County Commissioners and not have any sale plan where a few would be offered lots at one price and the general public have to pay twice as much or more; that all the lots should be put up at competitive bids and sold in that manner; that no reflection was intended on Mr. Williams, Mr. Rinehart or any other person connected with the project, but it was necessary that the Trustees have the answers to all questions involving a transaction of this kind.

Mr. Larson and Mr. Mayo were in agreement with the Attorney General that a hearing should be held in Miami to determine what the public generally in that area thinks about the plan. Mr. Larson presented an editorial from the Miami Herald of August 17th, 1953, entitled "IIF Board Can Wreck or Safeguard Public's Rights," in connection with proposed causeway, Key Biscayne to Key Largo, and requested that it be made a part of the records of the Trustees.

Mr. Williams stated that Key Largo Ocean Drive, Inc. came up to offer the Trustees one hundred thousand dollars for the land, but as the matter now stands he does not think they will be interested in having anything to do with the project.

All parties having been heard, the Trustees suggested, and the

delegation agreed, that a public hearing be held in Miami on September 10, 1953, at 10:00 A.M., on the proposed plan of Key Largo Ocean Drive, Inc., or any other interest. The Dade County delegation stated that they would arrange a place for the meeting and give publicity to the hearing on the date fixed.

Mr. Elliot suggested that his recommendation would be to dedicate to the counties right-of-way for the causeway and bridges and retain title in the state.

PINELLAS COUNTY: On July 14, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Walter K. Prior and George F. Saunders, upland owners, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, said parcel lying west of and in extension bayward of the property lines of Blocks 1 and 2 of Prior Replat, containing 8 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on July 20, 27, August 3, 10 and 17, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that objections have been filed by Messrs. William and Birchard Hayes to the sale; that he has discussed the objections with Mr. Elliot and it is recommended that said objections be overruled as not being valid.

Mr. Ford Thompson, attorney of Tallahassee, was present representing the Messrs. Hayes and stated that the proposed sale would interfere with access to his property on one side and might deprive him of at least 1800 feet of water frontage on the Bay. He expressed doubt that applicants are the riparian owners of the land advertised, as a dedicated street lies between them and the water, and although they replatted and left the dedicated area out he does not think that constitutes removal of the dedication. Mr. Thompson requested that the Trustees postpone the sale until his clients have opportunity to determine their rights as a matter of law.

Mr. Elliot presented maps showing the upland ownerships of Messrs. Prior and Saunders, and that of another owner, a Mrs. Summers, which lies between applicants' property and the Hayes property. It was pointed out that if the contention of the Messrs. Hayes is upheld Mrs. Summers will be cut off from her riparian rights extending out from her upland. The policy of the Trustees has been to leave some water bottoms available to any riparian owner and it was thought that Mrs. Summers should be entitled to such right.

Mr. W. A. Dicus, city attorney for the City of Dunedin, Florida, stated that he was representing Messrs. Prior and Saunders, and that the city is vitally interested in this land owing to an agreement between said parties and the city for lease of a portion of the area advertised, to be used in connection with Radio Station WBOY.

This site was selected as the most desirable location for the radio tower, owing to its location being just outside the city. Messrs. Prior and Saunders plan to develop their property by deepening the channel and creating a larger turning basin for boats. This will assist them in their business of boat building and commercial fishing.

After both parties had opportunity to be heard, motion was made by Attorney General Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of applicants, as adjacent upland owners, at the price offered — \$150.00 an acre — and withhold delivery of the deed for thirty (30) days from this date during which time objectors may try to negotiate a settlement of the differences or file suit.

BROWARD COUNTY: On July 7, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$57.69 an acre from Mr. Joseph Kelleher for purchase of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Government Lot 3, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Government Lot 4, all in Section 2, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, containing a total of 13 acres. It was agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$58.00 an acre, and notice of the sale was published in the Fort Lauderdale News on July 17, 24, 31, and August 7 and 14, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that he now has a bid of \$211.00 an acre for the land.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$376.00 an acre being made by Mr. Joseph Kelleher.

Mr. Elliot reported that he has furnished each member with memorandum showing tax and title information affecting this land which, briefly, is as follows:

"TITLE IN PRIVATE PERSON:

In 1928 an individual acquired tax deed based on Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificate of 1926; also through tax deed in 1947 from the City of Pompano based on city tax sale certificate of 1927. State and county taxes were paid by the individual 1926 through 1938, but no Everglades Drainage District or Flood Control District taxes were paid.

"TITLE IN TRUSTEES:

Based on Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificate in 1931, under Chapter 14717 of 1931. All Everglades Drainage District and Flood Control District taxes paid 1931 through 1952. Tax return to Everglades Drainage District in 1931 and annually thereafter certifying the lands for drainage and flood control district taxes. Land assessed in the name of the Trustees. Trustees purchased said tax sale certificate for an amount of \$96.12 in 1931, and taxes and costs in amount of \$183.11, or a total of \$279.23."

Mr. James Messer, Attorney of Tallahassee, associated with Mr. W. Marion Walton, represented Mr. T. S. Pridemore, as claimant of the land through 1926 tax deed for non-payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes. They requested that time be allowed their client for determining the status of title before issuance of deed by the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees hold the bids offered pending determination of the sufficiency of the title in the Trustees and that the question be referred to the Attorney General for opinion; all bidders to be advised of the situation.

Mr. W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Florida Keys Electric Cooperative Association, offers \$200.00 an acre for three (3) acres of bay bottom land in Boot Key Harbor, immediately south of and adjacent to land previously purchased by the applicants. The land is located in Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the parcel advertised for objections only, based on offer from applicant.

Offer of \$100.00 was submitted from L. B. Slater for purchase of Lot 1, Block 36; Lot 3, Block 48; Lots 3 and 4, Block 58, and Lot 28, Block 75, Plat of New Liberia, located in Section 4, Township 51 South, Range 42 East, Broward County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids starting at \$100.00 an acre.

Offers of \$300.00 an acre were presented from the following parties for reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Conway, adjacent to upland property of each applicant:

Clarence DuBey — 0.115 of an acre in Section 29, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County;

Simon Haas — 0.169 of an acre adjacent to Lots 30 and 31, Block C, Nela Isle, Island Section, Sections 23 and 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East;

W. K. Whitfield, Jr. — 0.085 of an acre abutting Lot 10 and part of Lot 9, Block C, Nela Isle, Island Section, in Sections 23 and 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County; T. E. McFarland — 0.11 of an acre abutting Lot 33, Block C of Nela Isle, Island Section, in Sections 23 and 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offers submitted without advertisement of the land.

Application was submitted from Mr. Russell O. Morrow, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Palm Beach District, for acquisition of 113.5 acres of submerged land lying adjacent to the turning basin of the Port of Palm Beach, located in Section 34, Township 42 South, Range 43 East, and in Section 3, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, the said area to be used for public purposes only.

Mr. Wells suggested that rather than convey the area, Mr. Morrow be advised that the Trustees will not object to application of the Port District to the U. S. Engineer Office, Department of the Army, for permit to dredge material from the area described, conditioned that they be allowed to stockpile the material and use it for public purposes of Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the suggestion of Mr. Wells and approve it as the action of the Trustees on request from Mr. Morrow. Mr. Wells was requested to write Mr. Morrow a letter to that effect.

Mr. George W. Gill submitted an offer of \$250.00 an acre for submerged land abutting property of the following upland owners:

Alexander A. Tourin — 0.41 of an acre.

Gill Building Corporation — 0.08 of an acre

Frank A. Denison and wife — 0.28 of an acre

all in Section 16, Township 50 South, Range 42 East,
Broward County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to have the three (3) parcels advertised for objections only, based on offer of \$250.00 an acre.

Mr. George Brockway, on behalf of Neil W. Dubois, offers ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard for permit to remove shell from the bed of the Loxahatchee River in Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, Florida. If the request is granted by the Trustees, application will be made to the U. S. Corps of Engineers for permit to remove the material by dredging.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize one (1) year shell lease in favor of Mr. Dubois with payment to be at the rate of ten cents per cubic yard.

Mr. W. R. Culbreath, on behalf of Mr. M. A. Des Rocher, makes application for a two-year extension from July 14, 1953, on Dade

County Shell Lease No. 655 under the same terms and conditions. Mr. Wells stated that the past due rental on this lease amounts to \$1,350.00 but lessee is keeping rentals current and also making regular payments on the past due amount.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension for a period of two years on Lease No. 655 under the same terms and conditions.

The State Road Department makes application for dedication by the Trustees of a parcel of state owned Lake Harris bottom land for State Road No. 25, the said land being located in Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 24 East, Lake County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize dedication in favor of the State Road department of the parcel applied for.

Mr. Bruce F. Marchand offers \$100.00 for a small parcel of sovereignty land in Boca Ratones Lagoon, comprising approximately 1 acre, lying adjacent to his upland property in Section 16, Township 47 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections only, based on offer of \$100.00 an acre.

The City of Fort Pierce makes application for a tract of submerged land in the Indian River for the purpose of establishing a city park. The application includes right of way for streets and in addition lands adjacent to upland owners' property which the city desires to deed to said upland owners in exchange for the right to fill in front of their upland property.

Mr. Wells recommends that the Trustees convey to the City of Fort Pierce, without cost, the property to be used for public purposes exclusively, and for the submerged land which the city proposes to donate to upland owners, the price to be fixed at \$100.00 an acre. The land applied for comprises approximately 23 acres, of which 6 acres will go into private ownership, located in Sections 3 and 10, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and carried, that the Trustees adopt the recommendation of Mr. Wells as the action of the Trustees, subject to advertisement of the land for objections only.

Mr. G. H. Jones submitted offer of \$250.00 an acre for approximately one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) acre of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Hilton Haven Subdivision, located in Section 23, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the parcel advertised for objections only, based on offer from Mr. Jones.

Mr. Dexter Hamilton submitted application to lease Rabbit Key located in Section 23, Township 54 South, Range 29 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of a five-year lease on the area applied for, with a starting bid of \$50.00 per annum.

Mr. Wells reported that sale was held July 21, 1953, in favor of Floyd W. Davis, represented by John C. Gramling, involving approximately 1 acre of submerged land adjacent to Government Lot 2, Section 9, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County. Subsequent to the sale it was discovered that title to the submerged parcels, described as Fanny Keys 3, 4 and 5 lying in the Bay of Florida, in said section, township and range, is in the Federal Government and therefore not subject to sale by the State. Mr. Gramling, on behalf of his client, requests that the Trustees execute quitclaim deed removing any doubt as to ownership in the State. Mr. Wells recommends that disclaimer rather than quitclaim deed be executed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees rescind action taken July 21, 1953, authorizing sale of parcel of submerged land to Mr. Davis, and that disclaimer be authorized executed in favor of Mr. Davis, disclaiming interest in the land.

Mr. Elliott reported that the Trustees heretofore authorized conveyance to Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District of the use rights in reservations held by the Trustees for canal purposes; that the District has requested conveyance of certain rights which Richard J. Bolles reserved to the Trustees in deeds executed by him to private individuals; that Deed No. 20466 has been prepared for execution granting reservations as follows:

IN PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

HILLSBORO CANAL — LEVEE L-14:

A strip of land along said canal lying 130 feet on each side of the center line thereof in Section 32, Township 43 South, Range 37 East; Sections 2, 4, 10 and 12, Township 44 South, Range 37 East;

BOLLES CANAL — LEVEE L-16:

A strip of land along said canal lying 130 feet on each side of the center line thereof in Section 22, Township 44 South, Range 37 East;

NORTH NEW RIVER CANAL — LEVEE L-19:

A strip of land along said canal lying 130 feet on each side of the center line thereof, in Sections 30 and 32, Township 45 South, Range 37 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the deed as presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the following salaries and bills, and request the Comptroller to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	\$ 875.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	525.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	450.00
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant	400.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	458.33
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	400.00
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	291.67
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	27.50
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To Prin. of State School Fund	6,492.85
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State Board of Conservation	15,898.73
Florida State Improvement Commission Design & supervision costs — work on Capitol Building	786.34
Cawthon Electric Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Final estimate for wiring air conditioning, North wing of Capitol	1,000.00
Cawthon Electric Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Installing equipment for Capitol renovation	120.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	25.60
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	12.12
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	2.40
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.50
The Key West Citizen, Key West, Fla. For advertising land sale	13.80
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	25.62
Hunt, Salley & Roman, Miami, Fla. Expenses re Claughton vs Trustees I.I. Fund	135.83
Lloyd M. Hicks, CCC Manatee County Recording fee	7.75
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Decatur, Ga.	29.60
Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	67.50
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TOTAL	\$28,426.14

Financial Statements for the month of July are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of July 1, 1953	\$259,567.48
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Receipts for the month:	
Land Sales	\$30,654.56
Quitclaim Deeds	75.00
Tax Refunds	186.25
Sale of Fill Material	830.00
Refund of Advertising Cost	25.45
Farm & Grazing Lease	2,947.10
Farm Leases	3,332.00
Mineral Leases	66.74
Grazing Leases	1,636.00
Sand & Shell Leases	16,473.63
Miscellaneous Leases	540.00
Campsite Lease	150.00
Timber Lease	164.60
Oil & Gas Lease	970.00
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Total Receipts for the month of July, 1953	\$58,051.33
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GRAND TOTAL	317,618.81
Less Disbursements for the Month	70,398.77
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BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1953	\$247,220.04

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF JULY, 1953

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
7-20-53	6462	Jacob Wagner	\$ 175.00
	6463	Deeb Builders	24,471.43
7-22-53	8686	Western Union Telegraph Co.	8.63
	8687	Clearwater Sun	15.33
7-22-53	8688	Ft. Lauderdale Daily News	13.80
	8689	The Miami Herald	33.60
7-17-53	8690	Arthur W. Newell, CCC	3.00
	8691	Guyte P. McCord	12.00
7-17-53	8692	H. T. Piety, CCC	1.65
	5181	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tr. 3% to General Revenue ..	6,727.27
7-20-53	5182	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tr. to State School Fund	27,196.32
	5183	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tr. to State Bd. Conservation ..	7,797.24
7-27-53	11950	Ted Cabot, CCC	241.00
7-31-53	10062	F. C. Elliot	700.95
	10063	A. R. Williams	412.25
	10064	A. C. Bridges	344.13

10065	J. B. Linn	346.65
10066	M. O. Barco	353.81
10067	J. L. Dedge	326.40
10068	B. G. Shelfer	222.41
10069	Sinclair Wells	213.75
10070	C. M. Greene	47.50
10071	R. N. Landers	26.13
10072	Blue Cross of Florida	23.15
10073	Southern States Life Ins. Co.	17.55
10074	5% Retirement Fund	165.12
10075	Federal Tax	502.70

Total Disbursements for the Month of July, 1953 \$70,398.77

U.S.G.S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of July 1, 1953	\$ 0.00
Receipts: July 24 — Chase Groves	250.00
Disbursements	0.00
Balance as of July 31, 1953	\$250.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

July 16, 1953 \$4,747.00

Disbursements from General Revenue:

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
7-31-53	3800	Ernest Hewitt	\$344.94
	3801	M. C. Pichard	255.46
	3802	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co. ...	7.75
	3803	5% Retirement Fund	20.54
	3804	Federal Tax	73.80
7-17-53	5323	Ernest Hewitt	11.85
7-22-53	8156	Rose Printing Co.	73.50

Total Disbursements for Month of July, 1953 \$787.84

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	3-18-53	9
Bay	7-13-53	54
Bay	7-20-53	58
Brevard	6-24-53	1
Charlotte	5-25-53	28
Columbia	8-3-53	1

Duval	5-12-53	16
Franklin	8-10-53	1
Hardee	6-1-53	1
Levy	5-25-53	1
Marion	7-6-53	4
Nassau	8-3-53	2
Okaloosa	6-1-53	1
Okaloosa	7-6-53	3
Orange	7-6-53	21
Pasco	8-3-53	1
Volusia	7-21-53	2
Okaloosa	5-4-53	1

Upon motion made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, the Trustees agreed to accept the bids reported and authorized execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of Holmes County Deed No. 161-Cor. to Frank M. Thweatt for the purpose of correcting error in description in original Deed No. 161 dated Aug. 29, 1944.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds, original deed in each case having been lost prior to recording:

Broward County Duplicate Quitclaim Deed to Grace W. Sanderson (Broward County Deeds Nos. 2846 and 3113) in lieu of Quitclaim Deed dated January 17, 1950;
 Broward County Deed No. 802-Dupl. to Mary Emily Dickey, in lieu of original Deed No. 802 dated July 26, 1940.

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration "Guide of Procedure for Sale of Land Under Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953", explaining that said chapter authorizes conveyance of Murphy Act land to the record fee owner of said land as of June 9, 1939, or those claiming by, through or under him, upon such terms and conditions and for such consideration as to said Trustees shall seem equitable and proper, without requirement of public sale. The Attorney General's office has examined the procedure and form of deed and approved the same as to form.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Guide of Procedure and form of deed be adopted by the Trustees for handling land under Chapter 28317, subject to final approval by the Attorney General.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates covering land in Alachua, Calhoun, Citrus, Hamilton, Marion, Okaloosa, Taylor and Washington Counties as approved by the Attorney General's office, for the reason that said certificates vest no title in the state to the lands covered thereby.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve refund in amount of \$26.00 in favor of Mr. E. A. Doyle for land purchased under Volusia County deed No. 1526 dated August 3, 1944, no title having vested in the State under the Murphy Act, the land being property of the United States.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the following salaries and request the Comptroller to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$410.83
M. C. Pichard, Secretary-Clerk	291.66
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TOTAL	\$702.49

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller - Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

September 1, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells reported five sales were advertised to be held today, as follows:

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY — On July 7, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$1500.00 from Mr. G. E. Bryant, Jr., on behalf of Mr. B. P. Abney for purchase of 83 lots located in Blocks 4, 12, 13, 20, 21,

27, 28, 29, 37, 38 and 39, in Sections 15, 16, 21 and 22, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, comprising 14 acres more or less, lying within the City of Okeechobee, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the lots for competitive bids starting with amount offered by applicant. Notice was published in the Okeechobee News on July 31, August 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells stated that he has received a bid of \$2,018.00 for the lots from Mr. Sylvan Zemel.

Mr. Abney made a statement to the effect that these lots were scattered among land owned by him and were within his fenced pasture; that the land was of very poor character but that it would work a hardship on him if someone else raised the bid too high for him to pay.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$5,026.00 for the lots from Mr. Abney.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$5,026.00 from Mr. Abney and confirm sale in his favor.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Abney came back to the Board and stated that he had bid more for the lots than he could pay and asked that he be allowed to withdraw his bid and that he would pay the cost of advertising; that the Trustees could offer it to the next highest bidder.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that Mr. Abney be allowed to withdraw his bid and that the lots be readvertised for sale at a later date.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On July 21, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mrs. Faye Miller for purchase of Government Lot 4, Section 32, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, containing 16.05 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land starting with the amount offered by applicant. Notice was published in the Clearwater Sun on July 31, August 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1953, with a sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells stated that he now has a bid of \$227.00 an acre from Mr. Charles B. Easop.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$230.00 an acre being made by Mr. Ed C. Wright.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bid of \$230.00 an acre from Mr. Wright and confirm sale in his favor.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On July 28, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Mr. Doyle E. Carlton, on behalf of St.

Armand's-Lido Realty Corporation, for purchase of 249.72 acres of submerged land along Long Boat Key in Sections 21, 16, 17, 8 and 5, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, adjacent to upland ownership of applicant. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice was published in the Sarasota Herald on August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1953, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land in favor of St. Armand's-Lido Realty Corporation at the price offered—\$150.00 an acre.

PALM BEACH COUNTY—On July 28, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$500.00 an acre from Mr. George S. Brockway, on behalf of Bessemer Properties, Inc., for purchase of 11.97 acres of submerged land in Lake Worth lying west of and across State Road A-1-A from the S½ of Lot 126, Lots 127, 128, 129, South 115 feet of Lot 132, and Lots 133 to 141, both inclusive, Palm Beach Estates, lying and being in Sections 14 and 23, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, adjacent to upland property of applicant. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land in favor of Bessemer Properties, Inc. at the price offered—\$500.00 an acre.

PALM BEACH COUNTY—On July 7, 1953, the Trustees considered application from Mr. Russell O. Morrow on behalf of the City of Lake Worth, Florida, requesting conveyance for public purposes of 221 acres of submerged land in Sections 15, 22, 26 and 27, Township 44 South, Range 43 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on July 31, August 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize sale of the land in favor of the City of Lake Worth, Florida, at a price of \$10.00 and other good and valuable

consideration, conditioned that the land be used for public purposes only.

Mr. Wells presented telegram from Mr. Thomas H. Horobin suggesting that the hearing to be held in Miami on September 10th, in reference to proposal for constructing a scenic highway from Key Biscayne to Key Largo, be changed to a week later on account of Jewish holidays falling on the 10th; also that the hearing be held in Bayfront Park or Dade County Auditorium as the court room in the County Court House is too small.

The Trustees were of the opinion that the date should not be changed but that Mr. Wells take up with the County Commissioners the place for holding the hearing and notify the Trustees of the decision made.

The Trustees requested Mr. Elliot and Mr. Wells to attend the meeting in Miami on the 10th.

Mr. Wells presented progress report from Mr. Charles R. Rudolph on Mineral Lease No. 844 covering land in Duval, St. Johns, Flagler, and Volusia Counties. This lease was originally granted to Mr. Walter B. Fraser and later assigned to Mr. Rudolph. The lease calls for construction of certain buildings which the lessee has been unable to complete within the time limit, but a building has been leased which will be converted into the necessary plant. Request is made for extension in time to complete this work.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant a ninety days extension of Lease No. 844.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easement across lands in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, Township 30 South, Range 20 East, Hillsborough County, the said right of way being desired in connection with State Road No. 43, Section 1001-207 (105), SRD 85—Revised.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department through the land described.

Mr. Sidney C. Wood, on behalf of Mr. Joseph Langford, submitted an offer of \$300.00 an acre for 0.5 of an acre of lake bottom land on Lake Clark, lying and being in Section 17, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, adajcent to his upland property.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize sale in favor of Mr. Langford without advertisement.

Mr. John W. Massey, Sr., offered \$100.00 an acre for the purchase of a marsh island comprising 32.02 acres, more or less, lying and being in Section 27, Township 31 South, Range 39 East, Indian River County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the island for competitive bids starting at \$100.00 an acre.

Mr. J. W. Adkins offered \$50.00 per annum for a ten-year lease on a small strip of land east of Moore Haven, sixty (60) feet wide and along the canal. According to the map the land appears to be in Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Glades County. Applicant plans to erect a gas and fuel oil station on the property for convenience of boats using the canal and other convenience for the public.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize ten-year lease as applied for by Mr. Adkins upon payment of \$50.00 per annum.

The Trustees considered the following applications for purchase of submerged areas adjacent to upland property of applicants:

Mr. Anderson C. Bouchelle, on behalf of Emma A. Davisworth, offers \$100.00 an acre for 1.4 acres adjacent to her upland property in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County;

Mr. W. R. Clements, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver K. Helwig, applies for 0.81 of an acre adjacent to their upland property in Highland Shores Subdivision, Section 51, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County; suggested price \$100.00 an acre;

Mr. John P. Goggin, on behalf of F. K. Ryce, offers \$200.00 an acre for 2.3 acres adjacent to his upland property in Section 12, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County;

Mr. John P. Goggin, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. M. Mazur, applies for 1.0 acre of land adjacent to his upland property in Lots 1, 3, 5 and 7, Block 5, Tract 16, City of Key West, Monroe County, Florida; suggested price of \$200.00 an acre;

Mr. Joseph Y. Porter, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Costa, offers \$200.00 an acre for a small parcel of land adjacent to their upland property in Section 9, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County;

Mr. Telfair Knight, on behalf of Newkirk Realty Corporation, offers \$100.00 an acre for approximately 56 acres in Sections 20 and 21, Township 65 South, Range 34 East, Monroe County;

Mr. Bradley Waldron offers \$100.00 an acre for 8 acres of bottom land adjacent to his upland on Panama Key, located

in approximately Longitude 82°44' West and Latitude 27°40' North, Pinellas County;

Dr. Charles W. Martin offers \$150.00 an acre for 11.5 acres of land lying in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County;

Mr. Theodore Salute offers \$100.00 an acre for 1.8 acres in Old Tampa Bay, Section 22, Township 28 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County;

Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of the City of Clearwater, offers \$200.00 an acre for 13.97 acres in Stevenson's Creek, Section 4, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County;

Mr. W. W. Upham offers \$200.00 an acre for 3.66 acres of land in Section 31, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County;

Mr. Anthony Yaras offers \$100.00 an acre for 1.25 acres of land in Old Tampa Bay, Section 23, Township 28 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County;

Mr. Sheldon A. Lindsey, on behalf of Mr. W. A. Riffle, offers \$100.00 for approximately 0.25 of an acre of land adjacent to his upland property in Lot 6, Block 72, Replat of St. Petersburg Beach, Section 36, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County;

Mr. R. Joseph Dew offers \$200.00 an acre for 0.44 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to his upland in Jungle Shores Subdivision, Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County;

Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of G. W. Bollman, offers \$150.00 an acre for 0.74 of an acre of land adjacent to his upland property in Section 11, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the foregoing parcels of submerged land advertised for objections only, based on offers submitted by the respective applicants.

Mr. Charles W. Luther, on behalf of the County of Volusia, applies for right of way easement over certain submerged land owned by the Trustees in the Halifax River, located in Section 9, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County; said land to be acquired for rebuilding South Bridge, Daytona Beach. The right of way will be used for public purposes only.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize right of way easement in favor of Volusia County for public purposes only in connection with rebuilding South Bridge at Daytona Beach.

Mr. Elliot reported that he received request by telephone from Mr. C. D. Moore, representing Gahagan Construction Corp., of Belle Glade, Florida, for permit to remove a part of the bridge constructed by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund across West Palm Beach Canal at the outfall canal, Reclamation Project No. 1. It was explained that it is necessary for the applicant to pass its equipment through the said canal in order to do certain construction work for Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District.

Upon recommendation from the Engineer, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of permit in favor of Gahagan Construction Corporation under certain conditions outlined by Mr. Elliot, among which would be examination of the operations by an engineer designated by the Trustees, charges of which would be paid by permittee, replacement of the bridge to be approved by said engineer and any damage to said bridge, approaches or banks of the canal to be remedied before permittee leaves the premises; specified time within which the bridge shall be closed to traffic, and provision made for transporting persons only, and parcels, having business in connection with the Reclamation Project; proper barricades and lights to be placed at each end of the bridge during operations; the Trustees to be held harmless against any damage resulting from said operations, and \$5000.00 surety bond to be furnished the Trustees guaranteeing performance of the work.

On July 7, 1953, the Trustees considered application from the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County for acquisition of land within the loop of the old channel of Jupiter River in Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 43 East, and in Section 6, Township 41 South, Range 43 East, and indicated their willingness to convey such land to the county for public purposes. Subsequent to this action it has been discovered that this area is included within Maintenance Spoil Area No. 605, covered by perpetual easement executed in 1932 to the United States for Intra-coastal Waterway. It is recommended that action of July 7, 1953, be rescinded, the land not being available for disposition to Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees rescind action taken July 7 on application from Palm Beach County for conveyance of the above described land, for the reason that said land is included in easement to the United States for Intra-coastal Waterway.

Mr. Elliot reported that cooperation between the United States and the state affecting navigation was the subject of a conference in Tallahassee on August 11 with representative of the District Engineer, U. S. Army, of the Jacksonville District, affecting that part of the coast and intra-coastal waters from the mouth of the

St. Marys River around the peninsula to the Aucilla River on the Gulf, and with representatives from the Mobile District affecting that part from the Aucilla River westward to the Perdido River; that representatives of both Districts and Mr. Elliot concur in the view that cooperation is desirable between the United States and the state toward making provision now for protection of intra-coastal waterways and entrances from offshore to such extent as can be discerned into foreseeable future.

Mr. Elliot and the District Engineer in both Districts recommend reservations for right of way or restrictive fairways 1500 feet wide in intracoastal waters, and for offshore entrances varying widths, not as right of way but as lanes or fairways, connecting the ocean and the gulf with harbors and bays. Widths of the latter would vary according to the indicated volume of commerce, the requirements of vessels carrying the same, proximate physical conditions at entrance, and adequacy of protection to navigation; that establishment of such fairways under a cooperative plan between the United States and the state would not affect leasing bottoms for oil, gas and minerals, and other legitimate purposes, except as such leases and others contemplating operations in navigable waters have been and are now affected to the extent of requiring permit from the United States for setting up drilling rig or other structure and for operations in navigable waters under the control of the United States, particularly as applied to restricted areas or fairways.

Charts were displayed showing in a general way and in principle that proposed.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Larson, State Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Gay, State Comptroller, and upon vote adopted, that the Trustees concur in recommendations made relating to the intra-coastal and off-shore waters of the state affecting the Federal interest in navigation and the collateral interest of the state in the subject, and that willingness be expressed to join the United States in a cooperative plan as outlined, subject to such further agreement upon detail as may be desirable for effectuating the general plan outlined.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Mr. James Messer, Jr., representing Mr. T. S. Pridemore, that he be allowed thirty (30) days from this date within which to bring suit, if his client so desires, for the purpose of determining title to Broward County land located in Section 2, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, containing 13 acres. The land was advertised for sale August 18, 1953, and competitive bidding resulted in a high offer of \$376.00 an acre being made by Mr. Joseph Kelleher.

Mr. Messer protested the sale on the ground that his client claims title through Everglades Drainage District tax deed from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Broward County, said tax deed being based on Everglades Drainage District tax sale for non-payment of 1925 drainage taxes.

Memorandum from the Attorney General was submitted, conclusion of which is as follows:

"Conclusion.—If our information concerning the facts and circumstances involved in this case is correct we feel that the trustees acquired title, under the 1931 settlement and drainage tax sale certificate 92 of the 1927 sale, to the above described land; however, there is considerable indication that a general sale of the lands at public auction at this time might, because of past dealing with the lands, work a hardship on persons who claim under the 1928 tax deed which was based on a 1926 tax sale certificate issued by the drainage district."

Attorney General Ervin explained that from a further search and study of the abstract it appears that it would work a hardship on Mr. Messer's client to sell the property at competitive bidding; that according to the records in the case the claimant made every effort to pay up all delinquent taxes; that the abstract shows that there were no outstanding certificates or unpaid taxes against the land and it seems evident that the Clerk of the Circuit Court overlooked the 1927 certificate when tax deed was issued.

Mr. Elliot explained that although statement has been made no list of the lands held by the Trustees was made available in the county. The Trustees in 1932, as soon as title vested in them, furnished Everglades Drainage District with list of the lands held by the Trustees with copy to the Tax Assessor; also that the Clerk of the Circuit Court was requested not to issue tax certificates against any of these lands and that any outstanding certificates should be cancelled under the 1931 Act. The land was not subject to any taxes except special assessments taxes, and when the list of lands was certified to the Tax Assessor that was notice to the public that the lands were assessed and extended on the tax rolls in the name of the Trustees. The special assessment taxes have been paid by the Trustees since 1931 to date.

Mr. Messer stated that his client has made every possible effort to pay up all delinquent taxes on the land since the Everglades Drainage District tax deed was issued in 1928; the abstract shows no delinquent taxes and information from the county offices was the same.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the matter be referred to the Attorney General and Mr. Elliot to work out.

Mr. Elliot reported that he was completing a report to the Trustees on submerged lands with suggestions for appraisals and valuation of state lands.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of

bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	NO. OF BIDS
Alachua	5-20-53	13
Flagler	7-27-53	2
Hardee	7-20-53	1
Jackson	8-24-53	3
Lake	8-10-53	22
Okaloosa	8-3-53	1
Polk	6-26-53	11
St. Lucie	8-26-53	1
Washington	7-31-53	1

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Application was presented from The California Company for oil, gas and mineral lease covering the reserved interest in Okaloosa County land heretofore sold by the Trustees under the Murphy Act. The applicant agrees to make a bonus bid including rental for the first year and thereafter \$1.00 an acre rental, increasing 5% after the first two years.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement as required by law for oil, gas and mineral lease of the reserved interest in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, Township 5 North, Range 25 West, and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, Township 6 North, Range 25 West, Okaloosa County. The lease shall require royalty payments of not less than one-eighth in kind or in value, and shall be for a primary term of ten (10) years.

Recommendations were received from the State Road Department approving releases of state road right of way reserved by the Trustees in deeds conveying Murphy Act land.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following quitclaim deeds for the purpose of releasing road right of way reservations as approved by the State Road Department:

Pt. Broward County Q.C. Deed No. 2228-EDDJ to Walter W. Cook & wife

Pt. Broward County Q.C. Deed No. 2550 to Walter W. Cook & wife

Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 3060-EDDJ to Markel Industries, Inc.

Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 3068-EDDJ to Markel Industries, Inc.

Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 3201 to J. R. Burne & wife
 Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 3682 to Dixie Herlong Chas-tain

Pt. Desoto Q.C. Deed No. 91 to C. W. Waldron

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1888 to Erwin G. Leiss

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2005 to Mrs. Elizabeth DeRing

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2969 to James H. Clark & wife, and William A. Trammell & wife

Pt. Palm Beach Co. Q.C. Deed No. 772 to Edwin G. Anderson & Sons, Inc.

Pinellas County Q.C. Deed No. 1310 to H. C. Schmidtman & wife

Sarasota County Q.C. Deed No. 834 to Randolph Calhoun

Seminole County Q.C. Deed No. 1813 to B. C. McMillan & wife

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following correction deeds:

Dade County Deed No. 2499-Cor. to E. J. Carter, Lizzie Lankford and A. T. Carter, as sole heirs of Florence A. Winter, deceased, issued in lieu of Dade County Deed No. 2499 dated Sept. 14, 1944 to Florence A. Winters, who was deceased at the time the deed was issued.

Hillsborough County Deed No. 3178-Cor. to V. C. Knight, issued in lieu of Hillsborough County Deed No. 3178 dated Mar. 13, 1944 to same grantee, and is to recite two tax sale certificate numbers which were omitted from original deed.

Palm Beach County Deed No. 208-Cor. to Rudolph P. Tomassello and Blanche J. Tomassello, his wife, issued in lieu of Palm Beach County Deed No. 208 dated Aug. 14, 1940 to same grantees, to correct error in description of the land conveyed.

Mr. Collier McCall of St. Petersburg, Florida, presented verbal complaint against the Clerk of the Circuit Court of St. Johns County for not furnishing him with the necessary information for making application and posting base bid for the purchase of Murphy Act land.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be requested to take the matter up with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of St. Johns County and ask that the desired information be furnished.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize two refunds from General Revenue as follows:

Frank Lamb, for Volusia County land erroneously

conveyed in Deed No. 2944 dated March 27, 1947	\$62.50
Joseph Stratafora and Andrew Lino for Manatee	
County land erroneously conveyed in Deed No.	
1428 dated June 29, 1951	5.00

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in Murphy Act certificate covering land in Franklin County, the Attorney General's office having advised that no title came to the state under said certificate.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

RICHARD W. ERVIN
Attorney General - Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

September 15, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Dan McCarty, Governor (By Telephone)
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Attorney General Erwin called attention to the meeting September 10th in Miami held for the purpose of discussing proposed sale of submerged land between Key Biscayne and Key Largo, and the construction of causeway and bridges connecting the two keys. Mr. Ervin suggested that Mr. Elliot be requested to continue investigation of technical objections brought up against the proposed causeway and island project; that Mr. Elliot be authorized to make whatever surveys are necessary to determine hurricane and flood damage; to what extent it could be detrimental to Miami Beach, the mainland, Coconut Grove and other nearby communities and what would be necessary to eliminate such condition; that it would be advisable to ask the State Board of Conservation to have its Marine Biologist check for possible interference and effect on marine fishing; that the Road Department be requested to work with Mr. Elliot in this matter; that Mr. Elliot be authorized to incur whatever expense is necessary to get the desired information in order that the Trustees may come to some conclusion within the next three or four months.

Mr. Elliot reported that he has listed a number of items about which it will be necessary to get information, among them being:

Calibration of Biscayne Bay at various anticipated water levels, to determine the normal water flow in and out, and under hurricane conditions; velocity of flow and its effect upon navigation through the Government channel, and other navigable channels to and from Biscayne Bay;

Provision for openings in the proposed causeway to avoid undesirable velocity currents in the navigable channels for protection of navigation and to avoid erosion, and against increasing hurricane hazard in the Biscayne Bay area.

Borings to find depth of earth over rock, and from what areas fill material may be taken for building islands; character of foundation, including borings to determine the same as of earth or rock, and type of structure to meet foundation requirements and to resist wind and water;

Determination of quantity and location of material for building up islands along the causeway; determine the areas for improvement and development on either or both sides of the road and causeway.

Design of road and causeway and specifications therefore to meet the requirements of the State Road Department for road purposes;

Protective works against erosion and storm damage; Width and location of right of way for road and causeway; suggested width—400 feet.

The above are among the principal engineering and construction features. In addition the Trustees will desire to consider other questions, not of an engineering or construction character, such as payment for land to be acquired by the agency in connection with financing the project, whether cash or deferred, and if deferred through issuance of deed upon first payment, balance secured by mortgage upon the property; partial releases upon making deferred payments, and release in full upon final payment; or under purchase contract in such form as will meet requirements for financing; whether or not performance bond will be required and if so what amount or percentage of the estimated project cost; the form of proposal from bidder for acquisition of the land for improvement; the rate per acre after determination of the area or areas to be conveyed; agreement as to construction of the road and causeway; form of advertisement for bids; whether or not bidder is to submit his own design, accompanied by plans and specifications, and other items as data in connection with engineering and construction features; the agency, public or private, for handling the project.

The suggestion of the Attorney General that Mr. Elliot be authorized to proceed with the work suggested was approved by those present.

Mr. Wells presented joint request from the State Road Department, represented by Messrs. Van Ferguson and Ross Stanton, and from Mr. Erle B. Askew, St. Petersburg, Florida, representing Mr. Eugene G. Fitzgerald and wife and Mr. Dorsey Whittington and wife. It was explained that the Trustees have granted to Florida State Improvement Commission, for and on behalf of the State Road Department, an easement for right of way across submerged land in Tampa Bay from St. Petersburg in Pinellas County to the mainland in Manatee County. A certain portion of this right of way was filled by the State Road Department and Messrs. Fitzgerald and Whittington, adjoining upland owners, entered suit to determine title to the filled land. That suit is still pending. An agreement has now been worked out between the private interests, the Improvement Commission and the State Road Department, and the Trustees are being asked to join in this agreement. The agreement provides for release by the Improvement Commission and State Road Department, in favor of Messrs. Fitzgerald and Whittington, of a parcel of submerged land the westerly boundary of which is 150 feet easterly from the centerline of said causeway outward to the channel from the ordinary high water mark of the bay. In consideration for such release, Messrs. Fitzgerald and Whittington will convey to the State Road Department a sixty (60) foot right of way through their upland property and will withdraw the suit now pending. Upon application from upland owners, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund will then advertise for sale, subject to objections only, a parcel of land adjoining the riparian upland of Fitzgerald and Whittington extending bayward from the ordinary high water mark of the bay, outward toward the channel, to a line parallel thereto, the southerly boundary of which is to extend from a point two hundred (200) feet northerly from the southerly face of the north abutment of the first bridge southward from the shore line; the westerly boundary shall be a line 150 feet easterly from the center line of said causeway; the easterly boundary shall be 350 feet easterly from the westerly boundary; the northerly boundary shall be the ordinary high water mark of the shore. Purchase price of the land shall be on the basis of \$200.00 an acre.

Representatives of the Road Department stated that the agreement was satisfactory with them as they had found it was not necessary to utilize the entire right of way at the location in question in view of the plans of upland owners and also that it would be advantageous to acquire right of way through the upland property as outlined.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to the proposed agreement and authorized its execution.

Discussion was had as to action taken by the Trustees in May this year, withdrawing from sale submerged land with a view to securing new appraisals and ascertaining the value of state lands, and whether or not sales should now be resumed. Mr. Elliot called attention to a situation which would result if sales of intra-coastal areas in certain localities are made without regard to requirements

for commerce; it could create a bad situation where harbor lines have not been established and where areas to be filled jut out into the water to such extent that they will interfere with inland waterway channels. He explained that the Federal Government establishes the harbor lines where warranted, such as at Jacksonville, Miami, Pensacola, Tampa and others. The United States by appropriations from Congress undertakes the work of harbor improvement, but local and state agencies are required to provide right of way in intra-coastal waters; that in a number of instances the Trustees have conveyed areas overlapping intra-coastal waterways and by so doing work a hardship on the locality for acquiring from private persons right of way when called on by the Federal Government; that looking ahead and withholding from sale certain intra-coastal areas will save the state, the counties and municipalities expense for right of way.

Mr. Wells stated that he understood that where the applications had been checked by the Engineer the Trustees would be agreeable to selling; that applications were coming in all the time and he presented them for whatever action the Trustees desired to take.

Mr. Elliot stated that the checking in his office had been only as to correctness of the description; that he has no authority to pass on whether sales should be made or not.

Mr. Wells suggested that all applications for purchase of submerged areas be referred to Mr. Elliot before being presented to the Trustees and if he recommends the application that it then be placed on the agenda for consideration by the board; that he is in accord with Mr. Elliot's views that much of the submerged areas should not be sold and he will be glad to handle the applications in this manner if the Trustees like.

Mr. Mayo and Mr. Ervin approved that suggestion for handling applications in the future.

Mr. Elliot explained that it would be well to reserve areas in the bays, harbors and other inland waters to meet the needs of commerce in the future; that some regard should be given to configuration of the shore line so that one parcel will not extend out into the water a greater number of feet than another; that a plan be worked out to control the distance from the shore that sales should be made, one reason for this being that there is not sufficient material for fill out to the channel for each adjoining ownership without encroaching on the riparian rights of another.

Mr. Elliott also called attention to a meeting he recently had with representatives of the U. S. District Engineer Offices of Jacksonville and Mobile, and their ideas with reference to retaining certain areas for intra-coastal waterways along both the coasts of Florida. Report on this subject was included in the minutes of September 1, 1953.

Attorney General Ervin asked that the remarks of Mr. Elliot and Mr. Wells be made a part of the minutes; that Mr. Elliot has

indicated a number of instances where he feels a check should be made of sales of submerged lands where they would unduly affect the marginal bays and channels in so far as private ownership is concerned; that provision for harbor lines and fairways should be made; keeping private fills and docks out in order to anticipate the widening of channels; that Mr. Elliot is preparing a report with suggestions on this subject and a policy he will recommend to be followed in these cases.

Mr. Elliot stated that he was preparing a report for submitting to the Trustees suggesting the drafting of a policy to be followed; that he mentions a number of things the Trustees will want to consider, that have come up in connection with waterways of the State; that if a policy can be adopted for handling these matters it would help the Land Office and the Engineer's office in determining whether certain things come under the policy; also, it would give notice to the public what the policy of the Trustees would be with respect to submerged lands.

Mr. Ervin suggested that until the policy can be adopted, all applications be checked by Mr. Elliot with regard to the items discussed, and if any rejected, that they be brought back to the Board. This suggestion was agreed to.

Mr. Elliot reported that recently the Board of Commissioners of Palm Beach County applied for an area in Jupiter Inlet. Upon checking the description it was found that a maintenance spoil area had been granted to the United States, and it was recommended that the application from Palm Beach County be turned down. Under a plan worked out with the United States, spoil areas have been granted up and down the Inland Waterway from Jacksonville to Miami and they should not be disposed of. Mr. Elliot stated that he had worked out a form, which the Trustees and the United States agreed to, providing for building up spoil areas to elevation six feet (6 ft.). The United States would then release such areas to the State and the Trustees would grant other areas for waterway maintenance purposes. These built up parcels become valuable property and when released as maintenance areas may be sold into private ownership.

Mr. Wells stated that when applications come in for spoil areas, he requests that applicant get from the United States information as to whether such parcels will be needed as spoil areas.

Mr. W. J. Steed, on behalf of M. J. Carroll and wife, offers \$300.00 an acre for 3.607 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Section 13, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, Orange County, Florida, said land adjoining his upland property.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Carroll and authorize sale of the land described at \$300.00 an acre.

Request was presented from the Board of County Commissioners

of St. Johns County for acquisition of 58.3 acres of marsh islands in Sections 4 and 5, Township 8 South, Range 30 East, St. Johns County, which area will be used for public parks and other recreational facilities.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the land applied for, with stipulation in the deed that it will be used for public purposes only, otherwise title to revert to the State; the parcel to be advertised for objections only.

Mr. Wells presented the following applications for purchase of submerged land adjoining upland ownership of each:

1. Mr. J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Brenzel, offers \$100.00 an acre for purchase of 2.53 acres of submerged land adjoining their upland property in Indian River North, Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County;
2. Mr. C. C. Wilmot offers \$100.00 an acre for purchase of 0.3 of an acre of submerged land adjoining his upland property on Lemon Bay in Section 5, Township 40, South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County;
3. Mr. George W. Smith, on behalf of Mr. Austin Cain, offers \$150.00 an acre for purchase of 26 acres of submerged land adjoining his upland property in Section 32, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.
4. Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Mr. James Schee, offers \$200.00 an acre for 4.16 acres of submerged land in Clearwater Harbor, adjoining his upland property in Section 32, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.
5. Mr. W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Mr. Stanley Switlik, offers \$200.00 an acre for purchase of 40.32 acres of bay bottom land adjoining his upland property in Sections 14 and 15, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County; and
6. Mr. John P. Goggin, on behalf of Mr. Charles W. Pierce, offers \$200.00 an acre for purchase of 1.5 acres of bay bottom land in Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve advertising for sale, subject to objections only, the six (6) parcels of submerged land applied for, after checking and approval by the Engineer's office, the sale to be based on the price offered by each.

Mr. J. H. Dowling of Tallahassee, Florida, applies for renewal of Sand and Gravel lease No. 819 covering that area of the Gulf Coast lying between Cape San Blas and Lighthouse Point in Gulf, Franklin and Wakulla Counties; also in Apalachicola Bay between East and West Passes.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize

renewal of Lease 819 for a two-year period under the same terms and conditions.

Handley Rock Company offers to exchange with the Trustees the South 256 feet of Government Lot 2, Section 23, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, comprising 7.6 acres of land in Palm Beach County, owned by said company, for the West 585 feet of Government Lot 1 of Fractional Section 36, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, comprising 17.79 acres in Palm Beach County. Conditions of the proposal will be an equal exchange of 7.6 acres owned by the Handley Rock Company for an equal amount of land owned by the Trustees in the above description, the Handley Company to pay \$300.00 an acre for the excess, which constitutes 10.19 acres.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to the exchange as proposed by Handley Rock Company.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve refund from General Revenue in amount of \$210.65 in favor of W. R. Ashurst as reimbursement for land purchased under Brevard County Deed No. 678 dated March 2, 1944, the Court having decreed in Chancery suit No. 11307 that the Murphy Act deed was null and void.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

RICHARD W. ERVIN
Attorney General—Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

September 22, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capital.

Present: J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot submitted for approval minutes of the Trustees dated August 18 and September 1, 1953, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented application from Mrs. Joseph Brumby, with offer of \$300.00 an acre for purchase of 0.195 of an acre of lake bottom land on Lake Conway, in Section 29, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County, adjoining her upland property.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance to Mrs. Brumby, without advertisement, of the land applied for.

Mrs. Joyce E. Walker offers \$300.00 an acre for 0.96 of an acre of lake bottom land on Lake Conway, Section 29, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County, adjoining her upland property.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve sale in favor of Mrs. Walker at the price offered, without advertisement.

Mr. Matthew V. McLaughlin offers \$250.00 for Lot 5, Block 1, Bunker Hill Addition No. 2, Plat Book 10, Page 72, City of West Palm Beach, lying and being in Section 4, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the lot for competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$250.00 from Mr. McLaughlin.

Mr. Edward F. Willicutt offers \$100.00 an acre for purchase of 2.46 acres of submerged land in Hawks Park Subdivision, Edgewater, Florida, adjoining his upland property in Section 34, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on the offer from Mr. Willicutt.

Mr. B. P. Abney submitted request for readvertisement of 83 lots, comprising approximately 14 acres in Sections 15, 16, 21 and 22, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County. It was explained that these lots were advertised and competitive bidding held September 1, 1953 resulted in the highest bid by Mr. Abney being withdrawn after the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline to readvertise the lots as requested; that the land be withdrawn from sale and counter proposal made to lease said lots to Mr. Abney for a term of five years on the basis of \$5.00 per acre annually, subject to sale.

Commonwealth Oil Company presented request that the Trustees approve assignment to Gulf Oil Corporation of one-fourth interest in Leases 340-340A, 730 and 862 in so far as they involve certain lands

listed in proposed assignment, described under the respective leases numbered as follows:

State Lease No. 340 and 340-A

That certain oil, gas and mineral lease made and entered into on October 23, 1943, by and between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement of the State of Florida, as Lessor, and J. L. McCord, as Lessee, and that certain oil, gas and mineral lease made and entered into on March 25, 1949, by and between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, as Lessor, and Miami Shipbuilding Corporation, assignee of J. L. McCord, as Lessee, ONLY INSOFAR AS said leases cover and apply to the following described land in Dade County, Florida, to-wit:

Township 54 South, Range 35 East:

S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sections 2, 12 and 14.

Township 53 South, Range 36 East:

Sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33.

Township 54 South, Range 36 East:

S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 1; N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 2; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 3; N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 4; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5; N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 6; Entire Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15 and 18; S $\frac{1}{2}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19; Entire Sections 20 and 22; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, less NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24; Entire Sections 25 through 35 inclusive.

Township 56 South, Range 37 East:

W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 3; Entire Sections 4, 6 and 7; W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 8; and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17.

Township 54 South, Range 35 East:

S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sections 24, 26 and 36; all lying and being in Dade County, Florida.

State Lease No. 730

That certain oil, gas and mineral lease made and entered into on July 15, 1950, by and between the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, as Lessor, and J. L. McCord, as Lessee, ONLY INSOFAR AS said lease covers and applies to the following described land in Dade County, Florida, to-wit:

Township 54 South, Range 35 East:

Section 1—Entire.

Section 2—N $\frac{1}{2}$.

Section 3—Entire.

Section 4—Entire, less W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Section 5—Entire, less SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Section 8—Entire, less E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Section 9—Entire.

Sections 10 and 11—Entire.

Section 12—N $\frac{1}{2}$.

Section 13—Entire.

Section 14—N $\frac{1}{2}$.

Sections 15 and 17—Entire.

State Lease No. 862

That certain oil, gas and mineral lease made and entered into on September 22, 1952, by and between the Trustees of the Internal Improve-

ment Fund of Florida, as Lessor, and Commonwealth Oil Company, as Lessee, covering the following described land in Dade County, Florida, to-wit:

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 1; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 2; N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 3; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 4; N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 6; All of Sections 13 and 14; All being in Township 54 South, Range 36 East, and containing 3,200 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, and adopted, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund approve the assignment by Commonwealth Oil Company to Gulf Oil Corporation of the above mentioned leases insofar as the same cover and apply to the land described hereinabove.

Mr. Warren C. Freeman, on behalf of Miami Quarterdeck Club, requests that the Trustees grant five-year extension of its Camp Lease No. 143-A. The lease covers two acres of submerged land on Shoal No. 4 in Biscayne Bay, located in Section 17, Township 55 South, Range 42 East, Dade County

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of Lease No. 143-A for a period of five (5) years upon payment of annual rental at the rate of \$50.00.

Mr. W. P. Clark, on behalf of Radcliff Gravel Company, applied for extension of its Shell Lease No. 753 from its present expiration date, October 10, 1955.

Mr. Wells reported that he has taken this matter up with Mr. Charlie Bevis, Supervisor of the State Conservation Department, who approved said extension and secured approval of the Governor, conditioned that the lease not extend beyond the date of the oldest lease the Trustees have issued.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of Lease No. 753 from its present expiration date to February 7, 1962, it being understood that the Governor has approved such extension.

Mr. K. C. Smith submitted application for one-year extension of his Farm Lease No. 610 for which he pays \$67.50. The lease covers 22.5 acres in Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to extend the lease for a period of one year but with increase of annual rental payments to \$7.50 an acre.

Mr. Robert Brent represented St. Joe Paper Company, with reference to certain land in Gadsden County, owned by the United States,

and action by the Trustees May 5, 1953, agreeing to exchange with the Federal Government state owned land in another location. Mr. Brent states that his company desires to purchase the Government land as it adjoins property of the paper mill and he has been informed that the private group, represented by Mr. Carl Owenby, has decided the land is not suitable for their purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that Mr. Wells be requested to get in touch with Mr. Owenby and if the interests he represents have abandoned the exchange plan, the Trustees can then rescind the former action.

Attention was called to Broward County land which was advertised for sale August 18, 1953, for competitive bids. The high bid—\$376.00 an acre—was made by Mr. Joseph Kelleher. Mr. James Messer, on behalf of Mr. T. S. Pridemore, protested the sale on the ground that he owns the property through tax deed. Mr. Pridemore offers \$300.00 for the deed from the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that consideration of the case be passed over.

Letter was presented from Mr. J. C. Yelverton, property manager for the City of Miami, asking that the Trustees approve leases from the City of Miami to Howard Bond and Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, for a term of five (5) years each rather than the one-year lease now in effect; six months cancellation clause will be made a part of the lease. It was explained that these leases are on property covered in deed from the Trustees to the City of Miami, with restriction for public purposes only. Heretofore the Trustees have gone on record as not opposing these leases for a period of one year, with cancellation clause.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees go on record as not being agreeable to five-year leases but have no objection to leases for a period of one year, with cancellation clause as in present leases.

Application was presented from Mr. Robert M. Crawford for homestead entry involving the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 38 South, Range 30 East, containing 40 acres in Highlands County, Florida. All requirements have been completed and it is in order for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve homestead entry in favor of Mr. Crawford as requested.

Mr. Elliot presented for confirmation two subjects taken up at the meeting September 15, 1953 as follows:

1. Mr. Elliot was authorized to examine all applications for sale of

submerged land and to determine what should and should not be sold, reserving from sale such submerged lands as are necessary in the interest of navigation and for other public purposes;

2. Mr. Elliot was authorized to examine into the proposed Key Biscayne-Key Largo causeway and bridge in Dade and Monroe Counties and incur whatever expense would be necessary in making surveys and securing desired information in order for the Trustees to come to some decision within the next few months.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm action taken September 15, as to subject number one—submerged lands—and that Mr. Elliot be requested to examine applications for submerged lands as outlined.

As to subject number two—proposed Key Biscayne-Key Largo causeway and bridge project—Mr. Larson stated that he was not in favor of spending any money on investigations or surveys as he felt it was a matter in which the Trustees should not be involved; that if more members were present today he would make a motion to indefinitely postpone action on the proposals submitted, either by the private individual or by the non-profit corporation sponsored by Dade and Monroe County officials.

Mr. Mayo stated that he was one hundred percent in accord with Mr. Larson's views.

Attorney General Ervin stated that he would like to explain his views; that at the conclusion of the hearing in Miami it was his impression that some of the objections raised were in many respects of a technical nature; that question was raised as to the effect this causeway, bridge and islands would have on Coconut Grove and Miami Beach in case of hurricane floods; that he felt the county commissioners of both counties were entitled to have an answer from the Trustees; that as one member he did not feel that he was in position to intelligently vote on the question without technical advice as to floods and hurricanes and what effect they would have on the causeway, bridge and islands if constructed; that he felt Mr. Elliott as the engineer of the Trustees was the one best fitted to get the information needed to pass on this question.

Mr. Elliot stated that he felt he could secure information the Trustees would like to have by calling on the U. S. Engineers, and certain information can be secured from the city and county engineers in Dade County; that most of this will be without much cost; but it will take considerable time and with the additional work in the office in connection with examining applications for submerged lands and checking all descriptions, some of the work will have to be postponed for a while.

Mr. Ervin stated that he was opposed to going into the proposition with any private individual, but he feels the Trustees owe it to the counties to try and work out a solution of the question with them; that he thinks Mr. Elliot should continue his investigations so as to give the Trustees the benefit of his technical knowledge as to the velocity of water, the effect of hurricanes and what fill would be avail-

able for building islands; that a large part of the proposed islands would probably have to be eliminated, but it will be necessary for the Trustees to have information on these subjects before action could be taken.

Mr. Mayo remarked that he thought this was a matter for the State Road Department to go into as he feels the only way to pay for the road and bridge will be to have a toll bridge and when and if the question of the sale of islands comes up, the Trustees can deal with that as a separate matter. Mr. Mayo suggested that no action be taken until Mr. Gay can be present and express his views.

Mr. Larson moved that the Trustees withhold action on this subject until such time that four members can be present. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment for the following bills, the Budget Commission having released the necessary funds:

Deeb Builders Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	
Equipment for air conditioning system	\$ 1,881.10
F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	875.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	525.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	450.00
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant	400.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	458.33
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	400.00
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	291.67
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	27.50
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	39.30
E. B. Leatherman, CCC Dade County	
Verification of records—Lichtenberg	
vs Trustees I. I. Fund	1.90
Guyte P. McCord, Clerk Supreme Court Filing Fee	12.00
Kee Lox Manufacturing Co., Miami, Fla.	59.06
J. Edwin Larson State Treasurer	
To Prin. State School Fund	24,201.26
F. C. Elliot—Expenses attending hearing in Miami	21.03
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To State Board of Conservation	16,332.46
W. R. Culbreth, Miami, Fla.	
Expenses re foreclosure Mtg. 17834	11.96
TOTAL	\$46,262.57

Financial Statements for the month of August are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of August 1, 1953	\$247,220.04
Receipts for the Month:	
Land Sales	\$ 55,417.40
Quitclaim Deeds	25.00
Certified Copies of Trustees Minutes	35.00
Oil & Gas Leases	37,556.36
Farm Leases	1,601.87
Sand, Shell & Gravel Leases	18,047.60
Miscellaneous Leases	375.00
Timber Leases	103.80
Total Receipts for the month	113,162.03
GRAND TOTAL	113,162.03
Less Disbursements for the Month	360,382.07
BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1953	\$28,348.59

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1953

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
8-6-53	21353	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.....	\$ 25.62
	21354	Hunt, Salley & Roman	135.83
	21355	Lloyd M. Hicks, CCC.....	7.75
	21356	Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	29.60
	21357	Rose Printing Co.	67.50
	21358	Florida State Imp. Comm.	786.34
8-10-53	22482	J. Edwin Larson, St. Treas. Tr. to Prin. State School Fund.	6,492.85
	22483	J. Edwin Larson, State Treas., Tr. to State Bd. Cons.	15,898.73
	36825	Southeastern Telephone Co.	25.60
8-20-53	36826	Western Union Telegraph Co.	12.12
	36827	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	2.40
	36828	Capital Office Equipt. Co.	5.50
	36829	The Key West Citizen	13.80
	26830	Cawthon Electric Co.	1,000.00
	41545	Cawthon Electric Co.	120.00
8-31-53	44886	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	22.45
	35036	F. C. Elliott	700.95
	35037	A. R. Williams	412.25
	35038	A. C. Bridges	344.13
	35039	J. B. Linn	346.65
	35040	M. O. Barco	353.81
	35041	J. L. Dedge	326.40
	35042	B. G. Sheller	222.41
	35043	Sinclair Wells	213.75
	35044	C. M. Greene	47.50
	35045	R. N. Landers	26.13
	35046	Blue Cross of Florida	23.15
	35047	South States Life Ins. Co.	17.55
	35048	5% Retirement Fund	165.12
	35049	Federal Tax	502.70

Total Disbursements for the Month of August, 1953 \$28,348.59

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of August 1, 1953	\$250.00
Receipts	None
Disbursements	None
BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1953	\$250.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

August 6, 1953	\$4,717.05
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Disbursements from General Revenue:

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
August 31, 1953	28871	Ernest Hewitt	\$344.94
	28872	M. C. Pichard	255.46
	28873	Provident Life & Accident Ins.	7.75
	28874	5% Retirement Fund	20.54
	28875	Federal Tax	73.80

Total Disbursements for Month of August, 1953	\$702.49
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SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for land under Chapter 18296:

COUNTY	DATE OF SALE	No. OF BIDS
Alachua	7-29-53	3
Brevard	8-10-53	43
Columbia	9-14-53	1
Franklin	8-24-43	2
Franklin	8-31-53	1
Hillsborough	9- 8-53	4
Lake	9-14-53	10
Levy	8-17-53	1
Manatee	9- 4-53	4
Martin	9- 7-53	1
Polk	7-31-53	7
Putnam	9- 5-53	3
Seminole	8-31-53	11
Volusia	8- 3-53	14
Volusia	8-18-53	2
Volusia	8-25-53	1
Volusia	8-28-53	8

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and

adopted, that the following quitclaim deeds be approved for the purpose of releasing the reservation for right of way in original deeds, the State Road Department having recommended such releases:

- Pt. Brevard County Q.C. Deed No. 01-Ch. 21684 to Jule E. Benson
- Pt. Charlotte County Q.C. Deed No. 39 to Station Development Corp.
- Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1467 to P. V. Quigley and wife.
- Pt. Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 2005 to L. J. Woodburn.
- Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 2751 to Otis L. Tennant and wife.
- Pt. Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 3303 to Archie N. Kelly, subject to life interest in Mary M. Kelly.
- Pt. Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 3303 to Wm. Edgar Kelley and Dorothy Mae Kelley.
- Pt. Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 4476 to Marion D. Long and wife.
- Hillsborough County, Q.C. Deed No. 4439 to Marion D. Long and wife.
- Pt. Lee County Q.C. Deed No. 581 to Emily M. Hunt.
- Pt. Martin County Q.C. Deed No. 255 to Cheney S. Fredricksen.
- Orange County Q.C. Deed No. 782 to J. C. Prevatt and wife.
- Pt. Orange County Q.C. Deed No. 874 to Charles Schaack & wife.
- Pt. Orange County Q. C. Deed No. 1213 to Felix E. Reischneider.
- Pt. Osceola County Q. C. Deed No. 805 to W. S. Dunsmore & wife.
- Polk County Q. C. Deed No. 2213 to L. H. Wade.
- Pt. Polk County Q.C. Deed No. 2574 to L. H Wade
- St. Lucie County Q.C. Deed No. 156 to Edna Hunter.
- Volusia County Q.C. Deed No. 1429 to John P. Kulzer & wife.
- Pt. Volusia County Q. C. Deed No. 1859 to Edd Cowles and wife.
- Pt. Volusia County Q.C. Deed No. 2246 to Belva Baker.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following deeds be executed, the Attorney General's office having approved such action:

Polk County Deed No. 842-Duplicate, to Johnnie Green, issued in lieu of original Polk County Deed No. 842, dated September 24, 1941, said deed having been lost before recording;

Volusia County Deed No. 3319-Cor. to Willie O'Neal and wife, issued in lieu of original Volusia County Deed No. 3319 dated June 17, 1949, to correct spelling of grantee's name.

On July 28, 1953, Gulf Oil Corporation submitted application for oil, gas and mineral lease covering the reserved interest held by the State in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, Township 41 South, Range 21 East, containing 160 acres in Charlotte County. Applicant states that it holds lease from the fee owner, A. C. Frizzell. The Trustees agreed to advertise for bids and notice was published in the Punta Gorda Herald and Tallahassee Democrat on August 13, 20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1953, with sale to be held this date. It was agreed that the lease shall require royalty payments of not less than $\frac{1}{8}$ in kind or in value, and the amount of \$1.00 an acre annual rental increasing five percent (5%) of the original amount annually after the first two years; lease to be for a primary term of ten years. Bidding for said lease shall be on the cash consideration therefor.

Description of the land was called out and the only bid received was \$400.00 from Gulf Oil Corporation.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Gulf Oil Corporation and authorize lease issued covering the reserved interest.

Mr. Elliot presented suggested "Guide of Procedure for Sale of Land Under Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953," which has been approved by the Attorney General's office except as to fixing of price to be received for deeds. It is recommended that payment for the land be not less than one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the assessed value for 1932, subject to a minimum of \$5.00 per subdivision lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the guide of procedure and sale price, subject to final approval by the Attorney General.

Application was presented from Jessie Venning Miles for deed under Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953, with offer of \$10.00 for conveyance of 0.91 of an acre in Clearwater Bay, Section 34, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, Town of Dunedin, Pinellas County. Applicant is the former owner of land and has complied with all requirements under Guide of Procedure as referred to in the foregoing paragraph.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve issuance of deed to applicant, subject to approval by the Attorney General of Guide of Procedure.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for conveyance of the North 379.95 feet of Lot 4, Oldsmar Farm Plat in Section 30, Township 28 South, Range 17 East, Hillsborough County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to the State Road Department without consideration, of the parcel described, deed to be issued under Chapter 21684 of 1943.

Offer of \$12.50 was submitted from the City of Hawthorn for purchase of Lot 7, Block 27, Hawthorne, Section 26, Township 10 South, Range 22 East, Alachua County. The offer is equal to what the base bid would be under regular sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer for the lot described and authorize issuance of deed in favor of the City of Hawthorne, under provisions of Chapter 21684.

Mr. Elliot reported sale from St. Johns County where bid was received by the Clerk for less than the required amount. It is recommended that the bid be rejected and that applicant, J. T. Lopes, be offered Lot 11, Block 4, Wood and Thompson Subdivision, without further sale, provided he will raise his bid to \$50.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the recommendation of Mr. Elliot and approve it as the action of the board.

Mr. Elliot presented St. Johns County special case with recommendation that the bid of \$31.00 from William L. Snipes be declined for purchase of six lots in Block K, Usina's North Beach Subdivision, and that the land be readvertised with base bid of \$300.00 for the lots.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and carried, that the Trustees adopt the recommendation of Mr. Elliot as the action of the board and authorize the land readvertised with a base bid of \$300.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve disclaiming interest in Bay County Murphy Act certificate, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificate vested no title in the state to the land covered thereby.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment of the following salaries and bills:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$ 410.83
M. C. Pichard, Secretary-Clerk	291.66
W. R. Ashurst, c/o CCC Brevard County Refund Deed No. 678	210.65
Frank Lamb, c/o CCC Volusia County Refund Deed No. 2944	62.50
Ernest Hewitt—Expenses checking Walton County Murphy Act records	33.52
TOTAL	\$1,009.16

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

RICHARD W. ERVIN
Attorney General - Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

October 2, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot submitted the following resolution for adoption by the Trustees.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, it has been the custom of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund at the beginning of each administration to organize by designating the Chairman of said Trustees,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund designate Honorable Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor of Florida, as chairman of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and, pursuant to custom, in his absence the next member of the Trustees, according to the order in which the names appear in the Act creating the Internal Improvement Fund and the Trustees thereof, shall preside as such chairman.

Upon motion by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and carried, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Wells presented request from Mr. R. W. Ashmore, Jr., on behalf of Mr. I. C. Mayfield, for sand lease on the Ochlockonee River in the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 25, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 2 West, Leon County, for which he offers ten cents (\$0.10) per cubic yard for all sand removed.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted,

that the Trustees authorize issuance of sand lease for a period of two (2) years, location to be as described in application.

The United States of America makes application for certain state owned land in Duval County to be used for the deposit of dredged material. The location requested is described as part of unnamed island and adjacent submerged areas in St. Johns River—Jacksonville to the Ocean—shown on U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Chart No. 577.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the request be granted and easement executed in favor of the United States on the area described.

Mr. Sheldon A. Lindsey, on behalf of Karl F. Daufhold and wife, makes application to purchase one (1) acre of submerged land adjoining their upland property in Section 6, township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only based on the offer of \$200.00 per acre from Mr. Daufhold.

The State Road Department makes application for right of way easement across certain state owned land described as that part of submerged river bottom land, islands, sand bars and shallow banks and fills in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, Township 35 South, Range 18 East, comprising 0.42 of an acre, lying within 40 feet each side of the survey line of State Road No. 70, Sec. 1354, Manatee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department as requested.

The State Road Department presented request for right of way easement deed over certain state owned land in Palm Beach County, described as West 75 feet of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, for use in connection with State Road No. S-717, Sec. 9350.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from the State Road Department and execute easement deed conveying the land applied for.

Mr. Wells stated that recent report has been receivd from the Conservation Department that live oysters were found on the areas granted under Lease No. 890 to Madeira Marine, Inc., and Lease No. 680 to Frank P. Caldwell. The companies were notified to discontinue

operations, and it is recommended that thirty (30) days notice of the cancellation of said leases be given and the leases cancelled as provided in Paragraph No. 7 of said leases.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted that leases 890 and 680 be cancelled as recommended by Mr. Wells.

Mr. G. M. Chamblee requests two year extension from September 30, 1953, on his Sand Lease No. 824, covering an area in Section 30, Township 28 South, Range 38 East, Brevard County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request and authorize extension of the lease for two years.

Attorney General Ervin advised the Trustees that the State of Alabama is suing the states of California, Louisiana, Texas and Florida, saying that the Tide Land Act is unconstitutional. His office has been served with copy of the Complaint. He desires to notify the Trustees of this action and he requests that he be authorized to represent the State of Florida in these proceedings.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that Mr. Ervin be so authorized.

Mr. Ervin further stated that the Attorney General of Louisiana requests that the Attorney General or his Assistant attend the conference to be held in Washington in October. He asked if the Trustees desired that a representative be sent.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the matter of sending a representative be left entirely with the Attorney General, with authority to act.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor - Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida, October 6, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated September 15, 1953, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

BROWARD COUNTY—On August 18, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from Mr. L. B. Slater for Lot 1, Block 36; Lot 3, Block 48; Lots 3 and 4, Block 58; Lot 28, Block 75, in Section 4, Township 51 South, Range 42 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids starting with the offer of \$100.00 for the lots, and notice of the sale was published in the Fort Lauderdale News on September 4, 11, 18, 25 and October 2, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and stated that a bid of \$370.00 has been made by Hollywood, Inc., at which price the bidding would start.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$375.00 being offered by Mr. Slater.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$375.00 from Mr. Slater and confirm sale in his favor.

BROWARD COUNTY—On August 18, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 an acre from Mr. Stephen C. O'Connell, on behalf of Mr. George W. Gill, Alexander Tourin and Frank A. Denison and Gertrude W. Denison, his wife, for purchase of a parcel of submerged, semi-submerged and filled land in the South Fork of New River in Section 16, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County, Florida, lying adjacent to and east and south of Tracts 15, 16 and 18, of E. F. Marshall's Subdivision, containing 1.5 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Fort Lauderdale News on September 4, 11, 18, 25 and October 2, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve sale of the land described in favor of Mr. O'Connell's clients at the price offered—\$250.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On August 18, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Florida Keys Electric Cooperative Assn., for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boot Key Harbor, south of and adjacent to Government Lot 3, Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, containing 3 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on September 4, 11, 18, 25 and October 2, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve sale in favor of applicant at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

Request was submitted from Mr. John W. Weatherford for refund of approximately \$1870.00 covering approximately 170 acres of land purchased by him in Contract No. 19444—land in Township 46 South, Range 34 East, Hendry County. The acreage to be eliminated will be used for right of way by Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize refund to Mr. Weatherford for the land to be eliminated from his contract.

Mr. Walter G. Sorokoty submitted offer of \$200.00 an acre, on behalf of R. G. Sharp, for purchase of 13.3 acres of submerged land in Section 10, Township 50 South, Range 25 East, Collier County, Florida, adjoining upland property of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offer from Mr. Sharp.

Mr. George P. Johnson, on behalf of Monette T. Waller, submitted offer of \$366.00 for 1.22 acres of lake bottom land on Lake Conway, adjoining his upland property in Harney Homestead Subdivision located in Section 24, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer for the land and confirm sale in favor of Monette T. Waller, without advertisement.

Mr. Wells reported that the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County had requested map or plat showing location of all

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sales made by the Trustees in Pinellas County; that said Commissioners had been advised that records of these sales were all in the county records and could be secured at the Court House in Clearwater. The county is opposed to sale of any water bottoms in Pinellas County and states it will file objection to any sales advertised. Mr. Wells advised the county that he would recommend to the Trustees that all applications be denied, except where applicant was the adjoining upland owner. The County Commissioners have met and agreed that the suggestion of Mr. Wells will be satisfactory.

Without objection, the action taken by Mr. Wells was approved.

Mr. Elliot reported that in connection with recent sale of Volusia County land to Dixie Livestock Company, it was found that an old permit issued in 1937 to Wilson Cypress Company, for doing certain work in Spring Garden Creek, is still outstanding and should be cancelled; that termination of permit has been executed by Wilson Cypress Company and it is recommended that the Trustees approve cancellation of the 1937 permit and authorize its execution.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following "Termination of Permit" instrument:

TERMINATION OF PERMIT

**TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL
IMPROVEMENT FUND TO WILSON CYPRESS COMPANY
OF THE
STATE OF FLORIDA**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida issued to and Wilson Cypress Company accepted from said Trustees Permit, dated September 1, 1937, authorizing said Company to remove material from Spring Garden Creek and to deposit the same on either or both sides and to construct a canal from Spring Garden Creek through lands, then thought to be owned by the Trustees, described as follows:

Right of way of said canal to be sixty (60) feet wide across the northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Nine (9) and that part of the southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Four (4) designated as Government Lot Five (5), in Township 16 South, Range 29 East, Volusia County, Florida,

and

WHEREAS since the date of said Permit title to part of the land affected thereby has vested in Wilson Cypress Com-

pany and there remains in said Trustees title only to the unsurveyed part of Section 9,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by Wilson Cypress Company, Permittee, and Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, Grantor of said Permit, that the same is hereby terminated and cancelled as to the unsurveyed part of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Nine (9), Township 16 South, Range 29 East, Tallahassee Meridian, Florida, as officially surveyed, marked, and returned and mapped by the United States on the official township plat approved April 22, 1850, by B. A. Putnam, Surveyor General of Florida. This termination and cancellation to be effective as of the date of the execution hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Wilson Cypress Company has hereunto caused its corporate name to be signed and its corporate seal affixed by its corporate officers thereunto duly authorized and empowered, this 21st day of October, A.D. 1953; and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida have executed the same by the Governor of the State of Florida and the Secretary of said Trustees as authorized by law, as of the day and date herein last above written.

WILSON CYPRESS COMPANY

By (s) Arthur R. Treavor
Its President

Attest: (s) D. K. Clippinger
Its Assistant Secretary

**TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL
IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE
STATE OF FLORIDA**

By (s) Charley E. Johns
Acting Governor
Attest: (s) F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Request was presented from Palm Beach County Commissioners that the Trustees convey to said county Lots 23 and 24, Block 2, Kelsey City, title to which vested in the Trustees under Chapter 14572 of 1929. It was explained that the county in 1945 foreclosed on these lots for non-payment of taxes and issued deed in favor of Mission Company at a price of \$131.00. In order to perfect title in the Mission Company, the county offers to pay the Trustees the amount received by it for sale of the two lots.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to Palm Beach County of the two lots described, upon payment of \$131.00.

Mr. Elliot reported that in connection with recent applications involving St. Lucie County land in which Mr. E. O. Denison and Mr. M. A. Ramsey, representing Surfside Properties, Inc., are interested, it has developed that erroneous surveys affect the area in question.

The following report is submitted by Mr. Elliot, with suggestion from the Attorney General that recommendations in said report be followed:

July 10, 1953

Trustees of the Internal Improvement
Fund of the State of Florida
Capitol Building
Tallahassee, Florida

Re: CERTAIN LANDS IN SECTION 12,
TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 40 EAST

Gentlemen:

Two parties owning upland which adjoins, situated on the east side of Indian River in St. Lucie County, desire to acquire from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund certain tidal and submerged bottoms lying outward toward the river from their respective upland. The matter is involved by reason of an erroneous survey as hereinafter described.

ERRONEOUS SURVEY

Errors of major proportion were made in the U. S. Government survey of 1887 purporting to show certain land bordering upon the east side of Indian River in Section 12 of Twp. 35S., Rge. 40 E. Error is evidenced by the following:

1. The plat of 1887 Government Survey of T. 35 S., R. 40 E. shows in Section 12 a point of land as a part of the Government Lot 4, a cove on the easterly side of the point, and a slough or swale extending landward in a southeasterly direction from the cove. There is no such point or cove at the location shown by said plat. Actual location on the ground places the point of land and the cove on the easterly side thereof approximately 800 to 900 feet west of location shown on the government plat. The edge of the open river shown on the plat is likewise approximately 800 to 900 feet westward of its location shown on the government plat. Evidence on the ground discloses that the point, cove, slough and edge of the open river are, for all practical purposes, in the same locations on the ground that they were in 1887 at the time of the government survey, and prior thereto.
2. The government plat of the survey of 1887 shows but one point and one cove in Section 12 or anywhere else in that locality. Old residents in that locality say that but one point and one cove have existed in the area in ques-

tion. Maps of the area made in 1890 and thereafter until the present, and U. S. Coast and Geodetic surveys show but one point and one cove in the locality covered by the 1887 survey.

3. There is neither physical evidence on the ground nor in the memory of old residents that for all practical purposes the terrain has been other than it is today, except for certain artificially constructed ditches in the tidal areas for mosquito control purposes.

TIDELANDS AFFECTED

Applicants for the tidal and submerged lands outward from their upland based upon a description as certain government lots cannot receive their equitable proportion of submerged and tidal lands running with the upland by the usual method of extending property lines outward from the shore because of the incorrect survey. Since the survey was originally made by the U. S., a resurvey for correction, if made, should likewise be by the government. It is doubtful if the U. S. would authorize a resurvey of the questioned small area in Section 12 only. It is almost certain that other lands bordering upon the river similarly affected by the 1887 survey would of necessity require examination and resurvey. That would be costly and time consuming owing to the high expense in sending a government survey party to the location, the cost of work in the field, and the small area involved in the present case. Furthermore, a corrective resurvey, if made, would show a correct delineation of the area only. It would not affect the title to the land described as government lots under the 1887 survey or the area lying outward from the same for the reason that part of the land within the old survey and all of that outside toward the open water of the river, consisting of tidal mangrove flats, is sovereignty land, title to which was in the state at the time of the survey, and still is. A government resurvey, though not settling title, would probably cost as much as the land can be purchased for from the Trustees.

RECOMMENDATION

My recommendation in this case is that the Trustees accept the description and area designated as government lots by which each applicant holds title; that each applicant be permitted to acquire title to the omitted marginal tidal land and the submerged bottoms running equitably therewith; that in view of the conditions arising out of the existing situation, the Trustees make a reasonable concession in the purchase price of the land below the prevailing price for other land of like character.

I feel that the Trustees with their long and intimate experience in matters of this kind can do equity toward parties at interest with not less, but perhaps greater, fairness than would result from litigation if it should arise between the interested parties. I further feel that the Trustees, with the information now before them, can de-

velop a plan for correcting that arising out of the erroneous survey which would be acceptable to said interested parties.

Attached hereto are the following:

1. A photostat of the township plat of the original government survey of 1887.
2. Photostat of a part of U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey of 1928.
3. Photostat of an aerial photograph taken in 1945 showing the area in question.
4. A plat of a recent survey by a registered land surveyor showing the land in question as it is today, and for all practical purposes, as it was in 1887. On this plat is superimposed the line and notations taken from the government plat and also the submerged and tidal areas suggested as running equitably with the land as correctly located.

Note Hook Point on 2, 3 and 4.

It would facilitate effectuating the plan recommended if the Trustees acquire from the owner of Government Lot 4 the so-called point of land—nearly one-half open river—erroneously shown to exist on the government plat as that part of Government Lot 4 north of the mid-section line, in order that it could in turn be conveyed to the owner of Government Lot 2. Such would simplify allocation of both the tidal mangrove and open river areas. Acquisition by the Trustees might be worked out through exchange of the Hook Point area for that part of Government Lot 4. The tidal mangrove area outward from that part of Government Lot 4 south of the mid-section line should go to the owner of that lot.

To make effective such plan would require the following adjustments to Government Lots 2, 3 and 4—see plat No. 4.

Add to Government Lot 2:

Area A—Title in Trustees (purchase) 5.7 acres, more or less

Area B—Part Lot 4 N. of mid-section
line to be acquired by Trustees
in exchange for Hook Point
area parcel E owned by Trustees
(purchase) 5.5

Total to Lot 2—purchase	11.2	"	"	"	"
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Add to Government Lot 3:

Area C—Title in Trustees (purchase)	1.6	"	"	"	"
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Total to Lot 3—purchase	1.6	"	"	"	"
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Going with Government Lot 4:

Area D—Title in Trustees (purchase)	2.7	"	"	"	"
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Area E—Title in Trustees (exchange for B)	(5.5)	"	"	"	"
Area F—Title in Trustees (purchase)	25.0	"	"	"	"
Total to Gov. Lot 4—purchase	27.7	"	"	"	"
Exchange	5.5	"	"	"	"

While the plan suggested would not correct the erroneous government survey, it would make practical an equitable allocation of the tidal and submerged land affected by such survey and afford opportunity to the interested parties for acquiring the surplus land not included in the government survey and such submerged bottoms as should go therewith.

Following the policy of the Trustees, the material outside of the purchased area required for fill would be granted without cost. It is recommended that the plan described be submitted to the interested parties for acceptance or rejection, subject however to such minor modifications or adjustments acceptable to the Trustees as the affected parties may agree upon.

Respectfully yours,

F. C. ELLIOT
Engineer and Secretary

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Inclosures

Attorney General Ervin stated that in order to get the matter straightened out, Mr. Elliot has suggested that the Trustees not attempt to correct the surveys but correct the title, which will be less expensive and will allow parties involved to acquire additional land. It is also suggested that in view of the circumstances, the upland owners be allowed to purchase with concession as to the purchase price.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and carried, that the recommendations of Mr. Elliot be accepted and approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve request to the Budget Commission for release of \$130,000 from Reserve Account of Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, estimated amount for the remaining months of the fiscal year to be paid to the Conservation Department representing receipts from shell leases; said funds to be used to finance research for fisheries, oysters and shrimp.

Mr. Elliot called attention to Broward County sale advertised for August 18, 1953, at which Mr. Joe Kelleher offered \$376.00 an acre and Mr. James Messer, Jr., filed protest on behalf of client, T. S. Pridemore. The sale was again considered September 22 and postponed for further consideration. It was explained that the matter

was referred to the Attorney General who submitted a report on the subject, with the suggestion that the Trustees consider conveying the land to Mr. Messer's client for an amount equal to what the Trustees have in the land, plus all taxes and interest. Mr. Larson and Mr. Mayo expressed the opinion that Mr. Pridemore should be required to pay the same price as the bid of Mr. Kelleher.

Mr. Ervin stated that in view of the fact that no records were available in the Clerk's office to show another certificate outstanding and that abstract furnished showed no unpaid taxes or lien of any kind against the land; that Mr. Pridemore has made every effort possible to see that his title was clear; that he would suggest that Mr. Mayo and Mr. Larson, as a committee, study this matter and if deemed necessary discuss it with Mr. Messer.

Without objection the suggestion of Mr. Ervin was accepted and so ordered.

Mr. Gay concurred in the position taken by Mr. Ervin and Governor Johns expressed the view that he thought the Trustees should receive more for the land than \$300.00 offered by Mr. Pridemore.

It was brought to the attention of the Trustees that numerous parcels of land were sold by the Trustees, and by the State through the Trustees, which sales were fully approved prior to the death of Honorable Dan McCarty, Governor, but in many instances the deeds making effective said sales were not prepared in time for signature of Governor McCarty before his death, and although signed by other members of the Trustees they remain unsigned by the Governor; that said deeds are perfectly legal without the signature of the Governor, as determined by the following Supreme Court opinions:

Hicks vs. State, ex rel Landis, Attorney General, et al—116 Fla. Rep. 603
156 So. Page 603

Watson vs. Caldwell, 158 Fla.—27 So. 2nd, 524

It was therefore ordered and directed that all such deeds be delivered to the purchaser therein named without the signature of Governor McCarty.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
ALACHUA	9-23-53	9
HERNANDO	9-22-53	1
INDIAN RIVER	9-14-53	3
JACKSON	9-28-53	1

LEVY	8-22-53	4
NASSAU	9-21-53	6
PUTNAM	6- 6-53	3
ST. JOHNS	6-16-53	21
TAYLOR	9-19-53	1
VOLUSIA	9- 7-53	17
VOLUSIA	9-22-53	4
VOLUSIA	10-1-53	3

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following deeds be executed for the purpose of releasing state road right of way reserved in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department:

- Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 334 to George Gonzalez
Pt. Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 1260 to Louis C. Fout and wife
 - Pt. Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 3471 to Hortensia Q. Morales
 - Pt. Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 4567 to W. L. Cook and wife
 - Pinellas County Q.C. Deed No. 2507 to David C. Bernhardt and wife
 - Pinellas County Q.C. Deed No. 3480 to David C. Bernhardt and wife
 - Pt. Indian River Co. Q.C. Deed No. 466 to Byron R. Rice and wife
 - Pt. Putnam County Q.C. Deed No. 318 to S. E. DeHaven and wife
 - Sarasota County Q.C. Deed No. 155 to Herbert H. Cory and wife
 - Santa Rosa County Q.C. Deed No. 89 to John T. Wigginton
 - Santa Rosa County Q.C. Deed No. 197 to John T. Wigginton
 - Santa Rosa County Q.C. Deed No. 238 to John T. Wigginton
 - Pt. Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 08-Ch. 21684 to Mel J. Larsen and wife
 - Pt. Hillsborough County Q.C. Deed No. 2720 to Mel J. Larsen and wife
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Request was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easement across Murphy Act land in Sumter County, desired in connection with State Road No. 3-575—Sec. 1854-150-SRD No. 23.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department through "That part of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31,

Township 20 South, Range 21 East, lying within fifty (50) feet of the centerline of State Road No. 3-575."

Putnam County special case was presented with offer of \$150.00 from Mr. L. P. Strickland for advertising 114 lots in Matchett Park Subdivision of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 24 East, containing approximately 30 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to authorize advertisement of the lots with base bid of \$5.00 per lot.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida, October 13, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

Mr. Elliot presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated September 22 and October 2, 1953, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
DUVAL	8- 3-53	7
GADSDEN	9-28-53	1
HOLMES	10-5-53	1
VOLUSIA	10-5-53	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Request was presented from Dayton and Dayton, attorneys of Dade City, Florida, on behalf of clients Edward Durrwachter and wife and Sam O. Slough and wife, for release of the oil and mineral reservations in Hernando County Deed No. 301 dated October 5, 1944. The Secretary recommended that the release cover only phosphate, as that was the mineral the applicants were mainly concerned with, and that the price for such release be at the rate of \$5.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize release of phosphate only from the oil and mineral reservation contained in Hernando County Deed No. 301 in favor of the following parties as present owners of the property described:

Edward J. Durrwachter and Carolyn D. Durrwachter, his wife, as to the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35 Township 22 South, Range 20 East, 10 acres in Hernando County;

Sam O. Slough, as to the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 22 South, Range 20 East, 10 acres in Hernando County;

consideration for said release to be \$5.00 an acre.

At the meeting of the Trustees September 1, 1953, Mr. Lawrence Truett, attorney of Tallahassee, on behalf of The California Company, applied for an oil, gas and mineral lease covering the reserved interest of the State in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, Township 5 North, Range 25 West, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, Township 6 North, Range 25 West, Okaloosa County. The Trustees agreed to advertise the lease for bids and notice was published in the Tallahassee Democrat and the Daily Globe, Okaloosa News-Journal Co., Crestview, Florida on September 8, 15, 22, 29 and October 6, 1953, with sale to be held on this date.

The lease was called out and the only bid received was the bonus bid of \$200.00 from The California Company with royalty payments of not less than one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) in kind or in value and the amount of \$1.00 an acre annual rental, increasing five per cent (5%) of

such original amount annually after the first two years, and shall be for a primary term of ten (10) years.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bonus bid of \$200.00 from The California Company with royalty payments and annual rental as offered by said company.

Application was presented from C. E. and Verdie Scarborough, former fee simple owners, with offer of \$25.00 for purchase under Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953, of Lots 4 and 5, Block 21, Map of Lacochee, G. O. Weem's Addition, in Section 24, Township 23 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County.

Mr. Elliot explained that the amount offered is equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, and that statement has been received from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pasco County that applicants have deposited with him an amount equal to all unpaid taxes and assessments levied and assessed on said land prior to June 9, 1939, and an additional amount equaling the sum of state and county taxes and assessments due since that date.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize issuance of deed under Chapter 28317 in favor of C. E. and Verdie Scarborough.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor — Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida, October 20, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated October 6 and 13, 1953, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY: On September 1, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. John W. Massey, Sr., for purchase of that part of Marsh Island in Indian River lying northerly of the Wabasso Bridge and Causeway on State Road A1A, between Wabasso and Orchid Island, in Section 27, Township 31 South, Range 39 East, containing 32 acres, more or less, in Indian River County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale subject to competitive bids, with a starting offer of \$100.00 an acre, and notice of the sale was published in the Vero Beach Press-Journal on September 18, 25, October 2, 9 and 16, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and the only bid received was \$100.00 an acre from the applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Massey.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On September 1, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Dr. Charles W. Martin for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay lying west of and abutting the south 312 feet of Fractional SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, containing 9 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice of said sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on September 18, 25, October 2, 9, and 16, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that objections have been filed by the City of St. Petersburg and the City of Gulfport, on the ground that sale would affect the plans of the two cities for a sewage treatment and disposal plant. Mr. Wells suggested that action be deferred pending disposition of objections.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees defer action on sale to Dr. Martin, pending the working out and release of objections filed by the cities of St. Petersburg and Gulfport; that if objections are satisfactorily disposed of, sale will be consummated in favor of applicant.

Mr. Wells reported the following sales advertised for consideration today, applications having been submitted from the adjoining upland owner in each case:

1. PINELLAS COUNTY—On September 1, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Dr. Bradley Waldron for purchase of "A parcel of submerged land containing 8 acres, more or less, adjoining and to the eastward of the northern portion of Panama Key, approximately Longitude 82° 44' West and Latitude 27° 40' North, in the westerly part of Boca Ciega Bay and further generally located between Cabbage Key on the east and South Channel on the west." The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale subject to objections only, as required by law, and notice of said sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on September 18, 25, October 2, 9 and 16, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

2. PINELLAS COUNTY—On September 1, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Mr. G. W. Bollman, for purchase of "A parcel of submerged land in St. Joseph Bay, in Sections 10 and 11, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, containing 0.74 of an acre, more or less." The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale subject to objections only, as required by law, and notice of said sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on September 21, 28, October 5, 12 and 19, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were presented to the sale.

3. PINELLAS COUNTY—On September 1, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. R. Joseph Dew for purchase of "A parcel of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay, containing 0.44 of an acre, more or less, lying west of and abutting Lot 16 of Jungle Shores No. 2, lying and being in Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East." The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale subject to objections only as required by law and notice of said sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on September 21, 28, October 5, 12 and 19, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

4. PINELLAS COUNTY—On September 1, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from Mr. Sheldon A. Lindsey, on behalf of Mr. W. A. Riffle and wife, for purchase of "A parcel of submerged land in Blind Pass, formerly the northeast half of Lots 1 and 2, Block 72, Replat of St. Petersburg Beach, containing 0.25 of an acre, more or less." The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on September 21, 28, Octo-

ber 5, 12, and 19, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the land out and no objections were filed to the sale.

5. PINELLAS COUNTY—On September 1, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. W. W. Upham for purchase of "A parcel of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay in Section 31, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, containing 3.66 acres, more or less." The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on September 21, 28, October 5, 12 and 19, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

6. PINELLAS COUNTY—On September 1, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Anthony Yaras for purchase of "A parcel of submerged land in Old Tampa Bay, in Section 23, Township 28 South, Range 16 East, lying southwesterly of and abutting the east 4 acres of Block 133, Revised Map of Oldsmar, containing 1.25 acres, more or less." The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale subject to objections only and notice of said sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on September 21, 28, October 5, 12 and 19, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

7. PINELLAS COUNTY—On September 1, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of the City of Clearwater, Florida, for purchase of a "Parcel of submerged land in Stevensons Creek in Section 4, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, containing 13.97 acres, more or less." The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice of said sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on September 21, 28, October 5, 12 and 19, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

8. PINELLAS COUNTY—On September 1, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Theodore V. Salute for purchase of a "parcel of submerged land in Old Tampa Bay containing approximately 1.8 acres, lying southwesterly of and abutting Lots 3 to 6, inclusive, Block 15, Section 1, West Oldsmar, a subdivision in Government Lot 2, Section 22, Township 28 South, Range 16 East." The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice of the sale was published

in the Clearwater Sun on September 21, 28, October 5, 12 and 19, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

9. VOLUSIA COUNTY—On September 1, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Anderson C. Bouchelle on behalf of Emma A. Davisworth, for purchase of "A parcel of submerged land in Indian River North, in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, lying northeasterly of and across Riverside Drive from Lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 10, Totem Park, containing approximately 1.4 acres, more or less." The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice of said sale was published in the DeLand Sun-News on September 18, 25, October 2, 9 and 16, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

10. MONROE COUNTY—On September 1, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. John P. Goggin, on behalf of F. K. Ryce, for purchase of "A parcel of submerged land in the Straits of Florida, located in Section 12, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, containing 2.3 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice of said sale was published in the Key West Citizen on September 18, 25, October 2, 9 and 16, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

11. MONROE COUNTY—On September 1, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Telfair Knight, on behalf of Newkirk Realty Corporation, for purchase of "The submerged land around and bordering upon Government Lots 1 and 2 of Section 21, and Lot 1 of Section 20, in Township 65 South, Range 34 East, commonly known as Duck Key, containing 56.0 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice of said sale was published in the Key West Citizen on September 18, 25, October 2, 9 and 16, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

12. MONROE COUNTY—On September 1, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Joseph Y. Porter, on behalf of Thomas Costa and wife, for purchase of "A parcel of bay bottom land in the Bay of Florida, north of and adjacent to Government Lot 2, Section 9, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, at Marathon,

Key Vaca, containing 0.73 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice of said sale was published in the Key West Citizen on September 18, 25, October 2, 9 and 16, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

13. MONROE COUNTY—On August 18, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 an acre from Mr. G. H. Jones for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Florida Bay north of Hilton Haven Subdivision, in Section 33, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, containing 0.68 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on September 18, 25, October 2, 9 and 16, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm the foregoing thirteen (13) sales in favor of applicants, who are the adjoining upland owners, at the prices offered.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On July 7, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. George Lea, on behalf of clients, for purchase of 20 acres of submerged and semi-submerged land bordering Little Sarasota Bay and located in Fractional Section 10, Township 38 South, Range 18 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice of said sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on September 21, 28, October 5, 12 and 19, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the description out and stated that objections have been filed to the sale by Mr. Thomas W. Butler, on behalf of Osprey Community Club; that applicants and objectors have gotten together and the area will be reduced so as to take care of the protest filed. Also, a clause will be inserted in the deed that the area will never be filled. Mr. Lea stated that an agreement has been entered into by all adjoining owners that the land will never be filled and said agreement will be recorded in the county records.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Lea's clients at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre—with the restrictions to be placed in the deed as explained by Mr. Wells.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On September 1, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from W. R. Clements, on behalf of Mr. Oliver K. Helwig and wife, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land containing approximately 0.81 of an acre in Indian River North, lying northeasterly of and across Riverside Drive from the South 15 feet of Lot 28 and Lot 29, Block F, Highland Shores Subdivision, Section 2, being in Sanchez Grant, Section 51, Township 17 South, Range 34 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only, as required by law, and notice of said sale was published in the DeLand Sun-News on September 18, 25, October 2, 9 and 16, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the description out and reported that objections have been filed to the sale by Mr. John E. Chisholm, on behalf of the City of Edgewater, on the grounds that the property had previously been dedicated as a public park.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land in favor of Mr. Helwig at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre—subject to determination that the dedication claim does not affect the Trustees' land.

MONROE COUNTY—On September 1, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. John Goggin, on behalf of Mr. M. Mazur and wife, for purchase of a parcel of land in the Straits of Florida, located in Township 68 South, Range 25 East, containing 1.0 acres, more or less in the City of Key West. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice of said sale was published in the Key West Citizen on September 18, 25, October 2, 9 and 16, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that objections to the sale have been filed by Mayor C. B. Harvey, on behalf of the City of Key West, on the grounds that said sale would affect the municipal beach in that vicinity. Mr. Wells stated that he took the City Manager and the City Attorney out to the location and they agreed it would be alright to make sale if the parcel was restricted to about 100 feet out into the water. Mr. Wells suggested that, subject to objection being worked out with the city, the Trustees authorize sale but with the area restricted to extend out no farther than an application to be presented from Mr. Al Logun who owns property adjoining Mr. Mazur.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Mazur, but with the area restricted as suggested by Mr. Wells, and subject to objections being worked out with the City of Key West.

MONROE COUNTY—Mr. Allan B. Cleare, Jr., on behalf of Mr. Al Logun, submitted an offer of \$200.00 an acre for 0.24 of an acre of bottom land in front of his property on Simonton Street, Key West, located in Township 68 South, Range 25 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for sale, subject to objections only, based on offer of \$200.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—Mr. Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Key West outboard Club, submitted offer of \$10.00 for a parcel of submerged land comprising approximately 0.23 of an acre lying adjacent to their upland property on Maloney Avenue in Key West, Florida; the land to be used by the Club, a non-profit corporation.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to accept the offer for the land, subject to advertisement for objections only as required by law, conditioned that the deed contain a clause to the effect that the land will not be sold but will be used for club purposes and if not so used, title will revert to the State.

MONROE COUNTY—Mrs. Sophie Smith submitted offer of \$100.00 per annum rental for a campsite lease on a strip of submerged bottoms approximately 354 feet by 50 feet, adjacent to an area under Lease No. 702 in favor of Ernest A. Davis in Section 18, Township 59, Range 40 East. The parcel is located near the old bridge abutment at Card Sound on old Key West Highway below Florida City.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize non-exclusive campsite lease on a year to year basis upon payment of \$100.00 yearly rental.

ORANGE COUNTY—Mr. G. B. Fishback submitted the following applications from clients for purchase of reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Conway, adjacent to upland ownership of each applicant:

W. S. Crittenden—Offer of \$33.60 for 0.112 of an acre in Section 24, Township 23 South, Range 29 East;

Ralph Hollenbeck Hansel—Offer of \$33.60 for 0.111 of an acre in Section 24, Township 23 South, Range 29 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offers from clients of Mr. Fishback for purchase of the reclaimed lake bottom land and authorize conveyance without advertisement.

Mr. Ray Clements submitted offer of \$15.00 an acre for purchase of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 27 South, Range 25 East, containing 40 acres in Polk County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids starting at \$15.00 an acre.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Mr. Julius F. Parker, on behalf of Coastal Petroleum Company, requesting that the Trustees amend the minutes dated August 4, 1953, having reference to application from Coastal and Gulf Oil Corporation for approval of a drilling site in Charlotte County to be assigned to Lease No. 224-B, by changing depth of the well to be drilled to 11,000 feet instead of 12,000 as given in August 4th minutes. Mr. Parker stated that directions were given his office by telephone and there was misunderstanding as to the number of feet.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of Coastal Petroleum Company, and amend the minutes of the Trustees dated August 4, 1953, to provide that upon fulfillment of conditions and the drilling of a well to 11,000 feet (instead of 12,000), unless oil or impenetrable formation is earlier encountered, the Trustees will grant to Coastal Petroleum Company and Gulf Oil Corporation all of the rights prescribed in and by action taken August 4, 1953.

Letter was presented from Mr. Frank O'Donohue of Tampa, Florida, asking that the Trustees fix a price for sale of Lot 17, Block 9, Beach Park Subdivision, Hillsborough County, title to which vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Mr. Elliot explained that Mr. O'Donohue applied to purchase this lot in 1952, but did not meet the price of \$500.00 which the Trustees agreed to accept. It was recommended that the Trustees adhere to the price fixed in 1952—\$500.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to accept \$500.00 for the lot in Beach Park Subdivision, applied for by Mr. O'Donohue.

Mr. Lamar Johnson of West Palm Beach, Florida, submitted application for release of oil and mineral reservation retained by the Trustees in Palm Beach County Deed No. 29-P-97, conveying Block "M", Lake Worth Heights, containing 0.28 of an acre, more or less. Mr. Johnson states that the City of Lake Worth is acquiring this property for street purposes.

Mr. Elliot recommended that "Non-Use Commitment" be issued to the City of Lake Worth instead of release of the oil and mineral reservations, for the reason that the Trustees do not have authority to release unless it is shown that a building is on the property, or that one will be constructed within one year.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and

adopted, that the Trustees approve the recommendation of Mr. Elliot for issuance of Non-Use Commitment, subject to approval of such instrument by the Attorney General.

The Secretary presented a suggested resolution for consideration having reference to conveyance to adjoining upland owners of submerged lands under navigable waters.

Upon consideration of the suggestion and approval by the Attorney General, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that the long established policy of said Trustees be continued to convey submerged lands under the navigable waters of the state only to the owner of the adjoining upland, and that in support of said policy the Trustees hereby make a finding based upon Section 271.01, Florida Statutes, that conveyance of submerged bottoms bordering upon upland to other than the owner of the adjoining upland would be in violation of the rights granted by said Statute to said upland owner.

EXCEPT HOWEVER, that said policy and said finding shall not apply to cases where in the public interest it becomes necessary to provide right of way for causeways and bridges or other thoroughfare by land or water for public purposes or for public utilities and similar entities, or dedication to a governmental agency for public purposes.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Mr. Joel Hurt of Vero Beach, Florida, for appointment to appear before the Trustees, and it was agreed that Mr. Hurt could be heard at the meeting November 27, 1953.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment of the following salaries and necessary expenses:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary.....	\$ 875.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer.....	525.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor.....	450.00
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant.....	400.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk.....	458.33
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk.....	400.00
B. G. Sheller, Clerk-Stenographer.....	291.67
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent.....	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent.....	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid.....	27.50

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer to State Board Conservation.....	12,762.62
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer to Prin. of State School Fund.....	14,375.96
Sinclair Wells, Expenses as Land Agent.....	145.87
John D. Moriarty, Ass't Att'y General Expenses, Trip to Key West.....	36.25
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	30.65
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	5.50
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	6.65
J. Alex Arnette, CCC Palm Beach County Recording deeds.....	9.30
The Okeechobee News, Okeechobee, Fla., For legal advertising.....	26.45
State Office Supply, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.....	21.80
Deeb Builders, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla., Work and equipment for air conditioning.....	1,881.10
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.....	50.00
Baker-Alford Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	8.40
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla....	16.05
John F. Kirk, Sheriff, Palm Beach County.....	5.00
Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	10.00
Jess Mathas, CCC Volusia County, recording fee..	1.60
3% Transfer to General Revenue.....	7,664.92
Tallahassee Auto Parts Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	14.89
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.....	3.60
 TOTAL.....	\$40,779.11

Financial Statements for the month of September are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of Sept. 1, 1953.....	\$332,033.48
 Receipts for the month:	
Land Sales.....	\$54,855.65
Quitclaim Deeds.....	45.00
Refund of Advertising Cost.....	18.20
Refund of Drainage Tax.....	28.66
Interest on Contracts.....	43.04
Sale of Fill Material.....	1,820.00
Interest from U. S. Treas. Bonds.....	5,000.00
Interest from F. I. S. C. Bonds.....	4,520.50
Oil Leases.....	2,399.53
Mineral Leases.....	53.46
Miscellaneous Leases.....	294.00
Sand and Shell Leases.....	14,902.85
Grazing Lease.....	212.30
Timber Lease.....	90.80
 Total Receipts for Month.....	\$84,283.99
	\$ 84,283.99

Grand Total.....	416,317.47
Less Disbursements for the Month.....	44,381.47
BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1953.....	\$371,936.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1953

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
9- 9-53	51750	Southeastern Telephone Co.....	\$ 39.30
	51751	E. B. Leatherman, CCC.....	1.90
	51752	Guyte P. McCord.....	12.00
	51753	Kee Lox Mfg. Co.....	59.06
9-14-53	55731	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Trans. to State School Fund.....	24,201.26
9-15-53	58344	F. C. Elliot.....	21.03
9-28-53	72077	W. R. Culbreath.....	11.96
9-22-53	64474	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, Trans. to State Bd. Conservation.....	16,332.46
9-30-53	59499	F. C. Elliot.....	700.95
	59500	A. R. Williams.....	412.25
	59501	A. C. Bridges.....	344.13
	59502	J. B. Linn.....	346.65
	59503	M. O. Barco.....	353.81
	59504	J. L. Dedge.....	326.40
	59505	B. G. Shelfer.....	222.41
	59506	Sinclair Wells.....	213.75
	59507	C. M. Greene.....	47.50
	59508	R. N. Landers.....	26.13
	59509	Blue Cross of Florida.....	23.15
	59510	Southern States Life Ins. Co.....	17.55
	59511	5% Retirement Fund.....	165.12
	59512	Federal Tax.....	502.70
Total Disbursements for Month of September, 1953.....			\$44,381.47

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of September 1, 1953.....	\$250.00
Receipts for the Month.....	—0—
Disbursements for the Month.....	—0—
Balance as of September 30, 1953.....	\$250.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

Date

September 1, 1953.....	\$ 9,257.27
September 16, 1953.....	2,226.45
Total Receipts for the Month of September, 1953.....	\$11,483.72

Disbursements from General Revenue:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
9- 2-53	47287	Frank Lamb.....	\$ 62.50
9-15-53	57221	Ernest Hewitt.....	33.52

9-21-53	61076	W. R. Ashurst.....	210.65
9-30-53	56122	Ernest Hewitt.....	344.94
	56123	M. C. Pichard.....	255.46
	56124	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.....	7.75
	56125	5% Retirement Fund.....	20.54
	56126	Federal Tax.....	73.80

Total Disbursements for Month of September, 1953.....\$1,009.16

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of land under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
DeSoto	10-10-53	3
Pasco	7- 6-53	2
Pasco	10- 5-53	1
Pinellas	10-14-53	1
Polk	8-27-53	3
Putnam	10- 3-53	4
St. Johns	9-17-53	22

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Mr. Elliot reported two applications received for conveyance of Murphy Act land under the provisions of Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953, which provides for sale to former owner, or those claiming by, through or under him. All requirements have been compiled with and checks in required amounts have been received.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the following offers be accepted and deeds authorized to the land described:

Franklin County—Offer of \$40.00 from Fred A. Hoffman for Lot 6, W½ of Lot 11 and E½ of Lot 12, Block "H" City of St.

George, located in Section 9, Township 8 South, Range 5 West;
Pasco County—Offer of \$15.00 from James A. Henderson and wife for Lot 7, Blanton Estates located in Section 7, Township 24 South, Range 21 East, containing 3 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment of the following salaries:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper.....\$410.83

M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary.....	291.66
Total.....	\$702.49

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS,
Acting Governor-Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida

October 27, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes of the meeting dated October 20, 1953.

Mr. Wells presented offer of \$150.00 an acre from Mr. Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Mr. Phil Sadowski, for purchase of approximately 13 acres of land known as Tarpon Belly Keys in the un-surveyed portion of Township 66 South, Range 28 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to have the land advertised for objections and competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$150.00 an acre.

Mr. Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Florida Keys Aqueduct Commission, offers \$10.00 for approximately 0.6 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to their upland property on Stock Island, Section 34, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and if sold that deed contain reversion clause should the land be used for other than public purposes.

Mr. Wells presented the following applications for purchase of submerged areas adjoining upland property of each applicant, and recommends advertisement for objections only:

MONROE COUNTY—Mr. W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Chester F. Tingler and Lillian F. Tingler, his wife, offers \$200.00 an acre for 3.2 acres, more or less, of bay bottom land adjoining their upland property in Sections 14 and 15, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County;

MONROE COUNTY—Mr. John P. Goggin, on behalf of F. V. and M. W. Crane, offers \$200.00 an acre for 2.61 acres adjoining their upland property in Section 2, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Key Vaca;

SARASOTA COUNTY—Mr. John F. Burkett, Jr., on behalf of Stanley D. Forbes, offers \$200.00 an acre for 1.08 of an acre of submerged land in Lyons Bay, adjoining his upland property in Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 18 East;

MONROE COUNTY—Allan B. Cleare, Jr., on behalf of Edward R. McCarthy, offers \$100.00 an acre for a small parcel of submerged land adjoining his upland property on Big Coppitt Key, Section 22, Township 67 South, Range 26 East. (Recommend reduction of area as approved by the Engineer.)

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for sale, subject to objections only, as recommended by Mr. Wells and approved by the Engineer. Upon vote, motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way deed over certain land in Hillsborough County described as "That portion of Hillsboro River bottom lands in W $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, all in Section 27; also in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, all in Township 28 South, Range 19 East, lying within seventy-five (75) feet each side of the center line of State Road 56th Street, Section 1064-150, SRD No. 4, Hillsborough County."

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted that the Trustees authorize conveyance to the State Road Department of the land described.

Mr. Wells reported that he has an offer of \$1,000.00 from Title & Trust Company of Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, for the purchase of State Mortgage No. 17834 given by J. Tourtellot on June 17, 1927, involving land in Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County. The face of the mortgage is approximately \$2,717.50 and it is recommended that the offer from the Trust Company be accepted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$1,000.00 for satisfaction of Mortgage No. 17834.

Mr. Joel Hurt, Engineer of Vero Beach, Florida, came before the Trustees with proposal to construct a causeway from the mainland in Dade County to Key Largo in Monroe County, the suggested route beginning where Red Road turns toward the west, south of Snapper Creek, near Shoal Point and continuing southward and curving to the southeastward to connect with Sands Key, a distance of approximately 13 miles, and then connecting with the proposed route from Key Biscayne to Key Largo; that his proposal is to lease a right of way 1,000 feet each side of the center line of said road for which he anticipates paying the Trustees \$375,000.00 for the first 25 years of said lease; that no increase in taxes will be required and there will be no bond issue against the county. The construction will be financed by sale of bonds and through banks; toll will be charged for use of the road and when the lease expires the road will be turned over to the state under the State Road Department.

Mr. Hurt was advised that the Trustees have two other proposals pending, one from Mr. Thomas H. Horobin with an offer of \$100,000.00 for the right of way and water bottoms, and another sponsored by the County Commissioners of Dade and Monroe Counties, which involves a non-profit corporation.

Mr. Larson and Mr. Ervin briefly reviewed the proposals and the action taken by the Trustees in order that Governor Johns would be familiar with the subject. The four members are practically in agreement that both proposals be abandoned for the present and later if the County Commissioners desire to get with the State Road Department and work out a plan for the highway the matter of right of way can then be presented to the Trustees, but that the filling up for islands would not be considered.

The Trustees suggested to Mr. Hurt that he take the matter up with the County Commissioners as that would be the first step to take.

Mr. Larson expressed the opinion that the county should go back to the original plan as worked out by a corps of engineers and the State Improvement Commission in 1950. This view was also concurred in by Messrs. Gay, Ervin and Mayo.

Mr. Elliot stated that his report on this subject would be ready probably by the next meeting.

The Attorney General suggested that no action be taken until Mr. Elliot makes his report, and as a courtesy to the County Commissioners of the two counties that they be invited to be present at the time the report is considered. This suggestion was agreeable with the other members.

Mr. Elliot stated that investigations are now being made by two sets of engineers; that he had received copy of one report and will get copy of the other when it is finished.

Mr. Hurt was requested to take his proposal up with the County Commissioners and ascertain what their reaction is with reference to his plan.

Mr. Hurt was also asked to make available to the Trustees copy of his report and plan for study by the Engineer, which he agreed to do.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS,
Acting Governor-Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida

November 10, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated October 27, 1953, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells reported that nine sales were advertised to be held November 3, 1953, but owing to a quorum not being present on that date it was announced in the Board Room that bids and objections would be received and held for action by the Trustees at the next meeting. The sales are as follows:

1. PALM BEACH COUNTY—On September 22, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 from Matthew V. McLaughlin for purchase of Lot 5, Block 1, Bunker Hill Addition No. 2, City of West Palm Beach, Florida, lying and being in Section 4, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County. The Trustees agreed to advertise the lot for sale subject to competitive bidding, starting with the offer of \$250.00, and notice of the sale was published in the Palm Beach

Post on October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1953, with sale to be held November 3, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on the date advertised and the only bid received was \$250.00 from Mr. McLaughlin.

2. ST. LUCIE COUNTY—On August 18, 1953, the Trustees considered application from the City of Fort Pierce for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Indian River within the corporate limits of the City of Fort Pierce, in Sections 3 and 10, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, lying south of Seaway Drive, or State Road A1A, and north of Moores Creek, and east of North Second Street, containing 26.7 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Fort Pierce News Tribune on October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1953, with sale to be held November 3, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on the date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale. Mr. Wells stated it was agreed that the Trustees would convey to the City of Fort Pierce without cost for public purposes only 19.8 acres of the land described, and the remaining 6.9 acres would be sold to the city at \$100.00 an acre, to be deeded to adjoining upland owners.

3. SARASOTA COUNTY—On September 15, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from C. C. Wilmot, adjoining upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Lemon Bay, east of and abutting that part of Section 5, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, on Peninsular Key, containing 0.3 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice was published in the Sarasota Herald on October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

4. PINELLAS COUNTY—On September 15, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Mr. George W. Smith, on behalf of Mr. Austin Cain, adjoining upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay lying southwesterly of and abutting Lots 3 and 4 of Pinellas Groves, in Section 32, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, containing 26 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections as required by law, and notice was published in the Clearwater Sun on October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1953, with sale to be held November 3, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

5. PINELLAS COUNTY—On September 15, 1953, the Trustees

considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Mr. James Schee, adjoining upland owner, for purchase of 8.37 acres of submerged land in Section 32, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Clearwater Harbor. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice was published in the Clearwater Sun on October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1953, with sale to be held November 3, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

6. VOLUSIA COUNTY—On September 15, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of Mr. C. G. Brenzel and wife, adjoining upland owners, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Indian River North, in Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, lying easterly of and abutting Lots 4 and 5 of Lowd's Subdivision, containing 2.53 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections as required by law, and notice was published in the DeLand Sun News, with sale to be held November 3, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

7. VOLUSIA COUNTY—On September 22, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Edward F. Willicutt, adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged, semi-submerged and filled land lying in Indian River North, northeasterly of and across River side Drive from Lots 236 to 241, inclusive, of Hawks Park Co. Subdivision, in Section 34, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, and containing 2.46 acres. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections as required by law, and notice was published in the DeLand Sun-News on October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1953, with sale to be held November 3, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

8. MONROE COUNTY—On September 15, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Mr. Stanley Switlik, adjacent upland owner, for purchase of 10.5 acres of submerged land in Vaca Key Eight, in Section 14, Township 66 South, Range 32 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice was published in the Key West Citizen on October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1953, with sale to be held November 10, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

9. MONROE COUNTY—On September 15, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. John Goggin, on behalf of

Charles W. Pierce, adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Florida Bay described as commencing at the intersection of the west line of Government Lot 2, and the northerly right of way line of Old State Highway 4-A, located in Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, containing 1.5 acres, more or less, including Pretty Joe Rock. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice was published in the Key West Citizen on October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 1953, with sale to be held November 3, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised, and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept offers for the foregoing described nine (9) parcels of land and confirm sale in favor of applicants.

Mr. Wells presented the following applications from adjacent upland owners of land:

VOLUSIA COUNTY—Mr. Floyd Wetherell offers \$100.00 for a parcel of submerged land in the Halifax River, lying Westerly of his upland property in Wilbur-by-the-Sea Development, Section 11, Township 16 South, Range 33 East;

SARASOTA COUNTY—Mr. John F. Burkett, Jr., on behalf of Edna S. Rinke, offers \$200.00 an acre for 0.72 of an acre of submerged land in Sarasota Bay, adjacent to her upland property in Section 35, Township 36 South, Range 17 East;

GLADES COUNTY—Mr. J. M. Couse, on behalf of Mrs. Nannie F. Dyess, offers \$100.00 for 0.90 of an acre of sovereignty land in Section 8, Township 40 South, Range 33 East;

VOLUSIA COUNTY—Mr. Charles W. Luther, on behalf of Mr. J. G. Schreiner, offers \$100.00 an acre for 0.43 of an acre of submerged land in Section 26 or 27, Township 15 South, Range 33 East; and

ST. LUCIE COUNTY—Mr. Evans Crary, on behalf of North Beach Development Company of Fort Pierce, offers \$100.00 an acre for approximately 100 acres of sovereignty land adjacent to its upland property in Sections 35 and 36, Township 34 South, Range 40 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertised for objections only the parcels of land described in the five applications presented by Mr. Wells.

Mrs. Maxine Gause offers \$100.00 for two small islands in the Anclote River, comprising approximately one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) acre, located in Section 32 or 33, Township 26 South, Range 15 East, Pasco County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the two islands for competitive bids and objections, based on offer from Mrs. Gause.

Mrs. Bula E. Croker makes application for extension of Treasure Lease No. 778 for a period of one year from December 12, 1953 covering an area in West Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of Lease No. 778 for a period of one year upon payment of \$100.00.

Mr. Vernon Peeples, on behalf of Carl Brown, Hugh Hardin, A. J. Bond and Bert Cole, applies for permit to search for treasure in all unsurveyed lands in Section 12, Township 42 South, Range 20 East, Charlotte County, for which they offer \$100.00 annual rental.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize treasure lease in favor of applicants for a period of one (1) year upon payment of \$100.00 in advance, plus twelve and one-half per cent (12½%) of all recoveries.

Mr. Raymond Burr of Miami, Florida, on behalf of Rutherford Lumber Company, Inc., submitted application for lease to cut and remove mangrove trees for commerical purposes from Sections 1 to 15, both inclusive; Sections 17 and 18; All Fractional Section 19; All Sections 20 to 26, both inclusive; All Fractional Section 29, and all Section 36, Township 54 South, Range 30 East, comprising approximately 16,720 acres in Monroe County. Lease was requested for a four year experimental period without rental payments; thereafter rental to be at the rate of fifty (50) cents per acre per annum in advance; the lease will provide for three ten-year periods, after the four year experimental term, and option for two additional ten-year periods thereafter, making a total of 54 years. The lease will not restrict the sale of the land by the Trustees or its use for other purposes and assignment of said lease can be made only with consent of the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the lease as requested, the Attorney General's office having approved the form of lease.

The State Board of Education having agreed to inclusion of Section 16, Township 54 South, Range 30 East, it was authorized made a part of said lease.

Mr. John W. Prince made application for a treasure permit to include that part of Monroe County which is open, Collier County and Lee County, for which he offers \$100.00 per annum rental and twelve per cent (12%) of all recoveries made.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of treasure lease for a period of one year in favor of Mr. Prince upon payment of \$100.00 rental in advance and twelve per cent of all recoveries.

Mr. Glenn L. Berry, County Attorney for Sarasota County, makes application on behalf of the county for a sovereignty island comprising 14.17 acres, more or less, located in Section 2, Township 37 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County, the property to be used for public purposes only. It is requested that the county be authorized to exchange the island with the City of Sarasota for other property which will be used for public purposes. Also, application was made for an area of filled land lying between City Island and State Road No. 780, adjacent to New Pass Bridge, which area separates New Pass from Sarasota Bay.

Mr. Wells explained that a part of the filled area applied for is covered by Lease No. 678. He recommends that the areas applied for by the county be advertised for objections only.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted that the Trustees authorize advertised for objections only the land applied for by the County of Sarasota, with the understanding that the land to be retained by the county will be used for public purposes only and the same restriction to apply to the land which the county will receive in proposed exchange with the City of Sarasota; also said sale to be subject to Lease No. 678 which covers a portion of the land applied for.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize payment during the month of November of all flood control, drainage district and subdrainage district taxes on state owned land within said districts, in order to take advantage of the four (4) percent discount allowed.

Report was submitted from a committee composed of State Treasurer Larson and Commissioner of Agriculture Mayo on the sale of 13 acres of land in Government Lots 3 and 4, Section 2, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, Broward County. It was explained that this land was offered for sale August 18, 1953, and a high bid of \$376.00 an acre was made by Mr. Joseph Kelleher. Sale was protested by Mr. James Messer, Jr., on behalf of Mr. T. S. Pridemore, who claimed ownership by virtue of tax deed from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Broward County, on behalf of Everglades Drainage District.

Upon consideration of the circumstances of the case and the report of the Committee, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees decline offer of \$300.00 from Mr. Pridemore and that counter proposal be made to convey the land to him upon payment of \$2000.00.

Mr. Elliot presented statements from Florida State Improvement Commission for expense incurred in connection with acquisition of land for a new State Office Building.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees refer the statements to the Attorney General for an opinion as to whether or not they are proper charges against the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Mr. John Barnes and Mr. Hal Adair of Jacksonville, Florida, for appointment on either November 17th or 24th, to come before the Trustees in connection with the proposed Key Biscayne Causeway-Island project.

Mr. Preston B. Bird, County Commissioner of Dade County, was present and stated that the Commissioners have a new proposal to present to the Trustees and asked that no action be taken on the Key Biscayne-Kay Largo Causeway and island project until they have opportunity to submit the new plan.

It was agreed that the Trustees will hear all interested parties on this subject on November 24, 1953, and Mr. Elliot was requested to furnish each member of the Trustees with copy of his report on the subject as soon as possible so that they might study it before the meeting on the 24th.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary	\$ 875.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	525.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	450.00
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant	400.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	458.33
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	400.00
B. G. Shelper, Clerk-Stenographer	291.67
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	27.50
W. R. Culbreath—Expenses	15.75
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State Board Conservation	11,846.48
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State School Fund	5,002.55
Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector, Palm Beach Co. Sou. Fla. Conservancy Dist. Taxes	3,952.22
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	15.00
Bulkey-Newman Printing Co.	32.00
Jess Mathas, CCC Volusia County— Recording Fee	1.70

H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	12.00
Shell Oil Co., Atlanta, Ga.	5.45
Baker-Alford Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	14.15
Midyette-Moor Insurance Agency—	
Workmen's Compensation	49.96
Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector, Palm Beach Co.	
C. & S. F. F. C. Dist. taxes 1953.....\$ 598.88	
East Beach Dr. Dist. Taxes 1953 39.62	
South Shore Dr. Dist. Taxes 1953 ... 2.47	
Gladeview Dr. Dist. Taxes 1953 1,255.52	
South Fla. Cons. Dist. Taxes 1953 .. 12,409.63	
East Shore Dr. Dist. Taxes 1953 2,185.33	

	\$ 16,491.45
Less 4% discount	659.66
	\$ 15,831.79
Earnest Overstreet, Tax Collector, Dade Co.	
C. & S. F. F. C. TAXES 1953.....\$ 226.07	
Less 4% Discount 9.04	217.03
W. H. Weeks, Jr., Tax Collector, Broward County	
C. & S. F. F. C. Dist. Taxes 1953 31.56	
Less 4% discount 1.26	30.30
Cecile Y. Brooks, Tax Collector, Glades County	
C. & S. F. F. C. Dist. Taxes 1953 9.35.	
Diston Island Dr. Dist. Taxes 1953 .. 412.09	

	421.44
Less 4% discount	16.86
L. C. Kickliter, Tax Collector, Martin County	
C. & S. F. F. C. Dist. Taxes 1953 2.35	
Less 4% discount ..... .09	2.26
Troy Moody, Tax Collector, Indian River Co.	
C. & S. F. F. C. Dist. Taxes 1953 4.92	
In. River Farms Dr. Dist. Taxes 1953 575.77	

	580.69
Less 4% discount	23.23
J. Colin DeShong, Tax Col. Highlands County	
C. & S. F. F. C. Taxes 1953 5.11	
Less 4% discount ..... .20	4.91
C. M. Gay, Comptroller	
Transportation requests	41.68
W. E. Pound, Tax Collector, Osceola County	
C. & S. F. F. C. Dist. Taxes 1953 .... .48	
Less 4% discount ..... .02	.46

	\$ 41,740.23

Financial statements for the month of October, 1953, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of October 1, 1953	\$371,936.00
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Receipts for the Month:

Land Sales	16,497.11
Land Sales—Under Chapter 14572	631.00
Land Lease	50.00
Farm Lease	590.00
Sale of Certified Copies of Trustees Minutes ..	31.50
Tax Refunds	104.31
Interest on Contracts	119.06
Interest—250 Coupons at \$12.50 ea.,	
Jax Expressway	3,125.00
Interest—53 Coupons at \$1000 ea., FSIC—	
Agricultural & Citrus Inspection Bldg.	53,042.98
Sale of Fill Material	1,046.00
Quitclaim Deeds	55.00
Refund—for Cable Reels returned	199.00
Miscellaneous Leases	428.00
Sand and Shell Leases	12,863.57
Timber Lease	62.60
Grazing Lease	142.00
Mineral Lease	711.92
Oil Leases	2,466.73
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR MONTH OF	
OCTOBER, 1953	92,165.78
GRAND TOTAL	464,101.78
Less Disbursements for the Month	40,841.91
BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1953	\$423,259.87

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1953

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
10-9-53	81056	Southeastern Telephone Co.	\$ 30.65
	81057	Western Union Telegraph Co.	5.50
	81058	Capital Office Equipment Co.	6.65
	81059	J. Alex Arnette, CCC	9.30
	81060	Okeechobee News	26.45
	81061	State Office Supply, Inc.	21.80
10-13-53	81319	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer— Trans. to Prin. State School Fund ..	14,375.96
10-15-53	87759	Deeb Builders, Inc.	1,881.10
10-12-53	81320	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer— Trans. State Bd. Conservation ..	12,762.62
10-20-53	93903	John D. Moriarty	36.25
	93904	Sinclair Wells	145.87
10-26-53	97747	Baker-Alford Company	8.40
	97748	Western Union Telegraph Co.	16.05
	97749	John F. Kirk, Sheriff	5.00
	97750	Rose Printing Company	10.00
	97751	Jess Mathas, CCC	1.60
	97752	Tallahassee Auto Parts Co.	14.89
	97753	The H. & W. B. Drew Company	3.60
	100718	The H. & W. B. Drew Company	39.50
10-27-53	99335	A. R. Williams	16.00
	99336	Fred M. Burns	57.30

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
10-31-53	88424	F. C. Elliot	700.95
	88425	A. R. Williams	412.25
	88426	A. C. Bridges	344.13
	88427	J. B. Linn	346.65
	88428	M. O. Barco	353.81
	88429	J. L. Dedge	326.40
	88430	B. G. Shelfer	222.41
	88431	Sinclair Wells	213.75
	88432	C. M. Greene	47.50
	88433	R. N. Landers	26.13
	88434	Blue Cross of Florida	23.15
	88435	Southern States Life Ins. Co.	17.55
	88436	5% Retirement Fund	165.12
	88437	Federal Tax	502.70
10-15-53	85092	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Trans. to General Revenue—3%	7,664.92

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF
OCTOBER, 1953** \$ 40,841.91

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of October 1, 1953	\$ 250.00
Receipts	
Disbursements	
BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1953	\$ 250.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

October 17, 1953	\$ 5,276.55
October 1, 1953	4,080.10

**TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR MONTH OF
OCTOBER, 1953** \$ 9,356.65

Disbursements from General Revenue:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
10-16-53	89867	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	\$ 50.00
10-29-53	101657	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	160.32
10-31-53	81042	Ernest Hewitt	344.94
	81043	M. C. Pichard	255.46
	81044	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co. ..	7.75
	81045	5% Retirement Fund	20.54
	81046	Federal Tax	73.80

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH
OF OCTOBER, 1953** \$ 912.81

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Bay	10-19-53	30
Holmes	11- 2-53	1
Lake	10-12-53	19
Lee	11- 3-53	1
Marion	10- 5-53	2
Okaloosa	8- 6-53	1
Osceola	9-28-53	14
Sumter	10- 5-53	1
Volusia	10-16-53	2
Volusia	10-27-53	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the following deeds be executed for the purpose of releasing state road right of way reserved in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Board Department:

Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 601 to Hufford McKinney and wife
 Dade County Q. C. Deed No. 1296 to Charles Kaminsky, et al.
 Dade County Q. C. Deed No. 1848 to Emory M. Kasprzyk and wife
 Dade County Q. C. Deed No. 3980 to George B. Severino
 Pt. Dade County Q. C. Deed No. 1467 to James P. Bonfield
 Pt. Dade County Q. C. Ded No. 3832-EDDJ to Wm. C. Burgess and wife
 Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed No. 08-Ch. 21684 to Victor J. Ladd and wife
 Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed No. 625 to Curtis L. Carver and wife
 Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed No. 1873 to Carl J. Mayes and wife
 Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed No. 4438 to John H. Gullette
 Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed No. 781 to E. G. Bryan and wife
 Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed No. 2418 to Laurence Mesa
 Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed No. 2546 to Mario Lopez and wife
 Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed No. 3744 to C. J. Pickrell
 Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed No. 4463 to T. J. Edwards and wife
 Hillsborough Co. Q. C. Deed No. 4770 to Verna A. Sterling
 Pt. Pinellas Co. Q. C. Deed No. 1530 to Glenn V. Leland

Franklin County Special Case—Mr. John T. Hathcock and wife, former owners of Lots 7 and 8, Block 49, City of Apalachicola, request that the Trustees allow credit for taxes paid on said lots—\$130.00—on purchase price at sale to be held.

Mr. Elloit explained that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County allowed Mr. Hathcock to redeem all outstanding tax sale certificates except the certificate by which the land reverted to the state under Chapter 18296, and that taxes have been paid on the lots. It was recommended that the Clerk be authorized to advertise the

lots for sale in the regular manner, with a base bid of \$150.00; that at time of sale the Clerk announce that bids will be accepted only from the former owner as the sale is being made for the purpose of clearing title held by Mr. Hathcock. This procedure has been followed in several similar cases in the past.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the recommendation of Mr. Elliot and approve it as the action of the board, however, that no credit be allowed for taxes heretofore paid by applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees rescind action taken October 20, 1953, on application from the City of Bowling Green, Hardee County, Florida, and eliminate from deed to said city the restriction that the land be used for public purposes only, the city having agreed to pay an amount equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value—\$555.00.

Request was presented from Laurel Hill Baptist Church that the Trustees eliminate the oil and mineral reservation from Okaloosa County Deed No. 493, conveying the S½ of Lots 9 and 10, Block 13, Town of Laurel Hill. The Church was the only bidder at sale when the fractional lots were sold at \$37.50.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of the Church and omit the reservation from the deed.

Orange County Special case was presented with offer of \$5.00 from D. E. Vandergrift as base bid for advertising Lot 7, A. M. Clark Sub-division.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson, and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to allow advertisement with base bid of \$80.00, which is the present assessed value of the lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates against land in Hernando, Okaloosa and Taylor Counties, the Attorney General's office having approved such action on the ground that said certificates vest no title in the state to the land covered thereby.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk—Bookkeeper	\$410.83
M. C. Pichard, Clerk—Secretary	291.66

Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	39.85
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	38.20
Western Union Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	3.22
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	3.70

	\$787.46

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS,
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

November 24, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells reported that four (4) sales were advertised to be held November 17, 1953, based on applications from adjoining upland owners, but owing to a quorum not being present on that date it was announced in the Board Room that any objections would be heard and action on the sales deferred until this date. Said sales are as follows:

1. PINELLAS COUNTY—On September 15, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Erle B. Askew, on behalf of Eugene G. Fitzgerald and Darsey Whittington, for purchase of 34.1 acres of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay, lying south of Section 11, Township 32 South, Range 16 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice was published in the Clearwater Sun on October 16, 23, 30, November 6 and 13, 1953, with sale to be held November 17, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

2. PINELLAS COUNTY—On October 2, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Sheldon A. Lindsey on

behalf of Mr. Karl F. Kaufhold and wife, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay, located in Government Lot 2, Section 6, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, containing 1 acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice was published in the Clearwater Sun on October 16, 23, 30, November 6 and 13, 1953, with sale to be held November 17, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on the date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

3. COLLIER COUNTY—On October 6, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land lying between Government Lot 1 and Government Lot 2, in Section 10, Township 50 South, Range 25 East, containing 13.3 acres, more or less, applied for by Walter G. Sorokoty. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice was published in the Collier County News on October 16, 23, 30, November 6 and 13, 1953, with sale to be held November 17, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

4. MONROE COUNTY—The Trustees heretofore considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Paul Sawyer, on behalf of Newkirk Realty Corp., for purchase of two parcels of submerged land lying in Tom's Harbor, northwesterly of and adjacent to Duck Key in Sections 16, 20 and 21, Township 65 South, Range 34 East, and containing 44 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice was published in the Key West Citizen on October 18, 25, November 1, 8 and 15, 1953, with sale to be held November 17, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of each of the foregoing applicants at the price offered.

Mr. Wells presented request from the City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, for release of reservations in two deeds from the state, conveying approximately 28 acres of submerged land in Volusia County, said deeds being No. 17820 dated May 13, 1927, and No. 18076 dated January 9, 1930, both deeds carrying a reverter clause in the event the property is not used for public purposes. It was explained that the property is not suitable for public purposes but is located adjacent to lands owned by the City that are suitable and which have no restrictions thereon.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted,

that the Trustees agree to release the public purpose clause in Deeds 17820 and 18076 as requested.

Mr. Wells presented the following applications from adjoining upland owners for purchase of submerged lands:

1. Mr. Clyde H. Wilson, on behalf of clients, offers \$200.00 an acre for submerged land adjacent to their upland in Section 26, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, Manatee County, as follows:
F. W. Zigman, 1.05 acres, more or less;
S. Floyd Scrivener, Jr. and wife—0.86 of an acre;
Walter J. Engbersts—0.69 acre;
Glen B. Wittstruck and wife—0.77 acre;
Edward C. Snyder and wife—1.03 acres.
2. Mr. John F. Burket, Jr., on behalf of Mr. G. H. Bechill and wife, and Mr. Steve Click and wife, offers \$200.00 an acre for purchase of 3.1 acres of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay, in Section 26, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County. Deduction for Intra-Coastal Waterway R/W leaves the area to be sold at 1.2 acres;
3. Mr. Dewey T. Morris, on behalf of Mr. C. J. Manville, offers \$150.00 an acre for 4.5 acres of submerged land in Clam Bayou located in Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County. In order to protect other upland owners adjoining on the west, the Land Agent recommended a reduction in acreage to 2.7 acres;
4. Mr. W. Curry Harris, on behalf of Strand Theater of Key West, Florida, applies for purchase of 0.53 of an acre of submerged land adjoining upland property in the City of Key West, located in Township 68 South, Range 25 East;
5. Mr. Leon A. Epstein, on behalf of Mr. William K. Uhe and wife, applies to purchase the submerged land adjoining their upland property in Section 32, Township 61 South, Range 39 East, Monroe County. The Land Agent recommends a price of \$200.00 an acre for the land;
6. Mr. C. C. Land and Mr. Jay A. Shuler of Apalachicola, Florida, offer \$5.00 an acre, on behalf of themselves, for purchase of 313 acres, more or less, of tidal lands adjoining their upland, and on behalf of owners of 1609 acres, more or less, of tidal lands adjoining their upland, said land being located in Townships 7 and 8 South, Ranges 6 and 7 West, Franklin County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the seven (7) parcels, subject to objections only, based on the offers submitted and the prices recommended by the Land Agent.

Mr. George S. Brockway, on behalf of Florida Boca Raton Housing Association, Inc., offers \$100.00 an acre for 9.55 acres of submerged land in Section 9, Township 47 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, being a part of Highland Beach property. This land was advertised for sale November 26, 1952, as a part of an application on the part of 26 upland owners. No objections were filed to the sale and it is recommended that sale be now made without advertising the second time.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcel described to Florida Boca Raton Housing Association Inc., at the price offered.

Mr. Bethel Brown makes application on behalf of "The Pathfinders," a group of boys and girls aged 10 to 15 years, of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, for use of a small island in the Manatee River, located in Section 14, Township 34 South, Range 18 East, Manatee County. The island is to be used as a campsite for the group.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Wells to grant permission to the applicants for use of the island as a campsite.

The Trustees deferred action on application from Mr. Julius Parker with offer of \$10.00 an acre for 800 acres, more or less, of marsh land in Township 1 South, Range 26 East, Duval County, and requested Mr. Wells to have appraisal made of the area and report back his findings.

Mr. George H. McConnaughay makes the following offers for Broward County land:

\$85.00 for the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Lot 7, north of the Canal in Section 1, Township 49 South, Range 42 East;
 \$15.00 for Lot 24, Block 9, Section 2, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, Amended Plat of Fairview;
 \$20.00 for Lot 52, Block 14, Section 2, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, Amended Plat of Fairview;
 \$85.00 for 2 acres in Florida Fruit Lands C8, Plat No. 1, Section 11, Township 49 South, Range 42 East;
 \$90.00 for 5 acres in Florida Fruit Lands C8, Plat No. 1, Section 11, Township 49 South, Range 42 East;
 \$25.00 for Lot 26 (less W. 200 feet), Block B, Hanson and Nelson Subdivision, Section 34, Township 50 South, Range 42 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids starting at the prices offered by applicant.

Request was presented from Maule Industries, Inc., that the Trustees approve assignment of Sand Lease No. 640 to Daniels Towing and Drydock, Inc., covering Dade County area.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve assignment as requested, the assignee to accept and abide by all the terms and conditions of the lease.

Hearing was had before the State Board of Conservation with reference to Shell Lease No. 885 held by John A. Benton Company, operating under the name of Fort Myers Shell Company. It was explained that protests have been filed to operations of this company and petitions filed with the Conservation Board asking that the lease be cancelled; that the company's dredging operations have been held up several times and they have had to move to different locations in an effort to complete contracts they have to furnish shell to the State Road Department. Lease 885 covers Hillsborough County area.

State Senator J. A. Franklin, attorney for the Benton Company, furnished information to the Conservation Board as to the kind of oysters found in the area in which his client is dredging and stated that if they were required to move their operations from the present location, they would be unable to complete their contract with the Road Department without considerable loss of money.

After presentation of the case before the Conservation Board, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees allow the Benton Company to continue dredging operations at the present location under Lease No. 885, under the strict supervision of the Conservation Department and when they have fulfilled their contract with the State Road Department that the Director of Conservation be requested to approve the next dredging location before operations begin.

The Trustees deferred action on request from Harry Kickliter and Bob Leonard, on behalf of St. Lucie County, for title to a spoil area locally known as Coon's Island and a certain amount of submerged land by which access could be had to Highway A-1-A, the land to be used as a public park and recreation area. Mr. Wells was requested to make further study of the request and report back to the Trustees.

Mr. Ira C. Haycock, attorney on behalf of the City of Homestead, Florida, requests that the Trustees release the "Public Purpose" reservation in Deed No. 18400 issued to the City of Homestead April 27, 1937, conveying the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 57 South, Range 39 East, Dade County. The land is used for airport purposes and the 4-lane highway from Miami is about to be laid out across the municipal airport and will destroy the use of said land for such purpose. The city requests the release of the said restriction and agrees that if and when the land is sold, the proceeds from such sale will be

held in trust and will not be used for other than public and municipal purposes of a permanent nature.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of the City of Homestead and authorize release from Deed No. 18400 of the reservation for public purposes.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Coastal Petroleum Company that the Trustees adopt a resolution, accepting as full satisfaction of current obligations under Section 3 of Lease No. 340-340-A, the drilling of 40-Mile Bend Well on School Section 16, Township 54 South, Range 35 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and carried, that the following resolution be adopted, subject to final approval by the Attorney General:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, by motion duly adopted on May 19, 1953, granted request from Coastal Petroleum Company that credit for footage in well to be drilled on Section 16, Township 54 South, Range 35 East, Dade County, be credited to Leases 340-340A and 730, upon conveyance to the Trustees of an additional one-eighth (1/8) overriding royalty in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, Township 54 S, Range 35 E, covered by Lease 730, and also an additional one-eighth (1/8) overriding royalty in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 54 S, Range 35 East, covered by Lease 340-340A; and

WHEREAS, it has been agreed to convey such additional one-eighth (1/8) overriding royalties to the Trustees pursuant to certain contracts between Coastal Petroleum Company and Commonwealth Oil Company dated respectively December 2, 1952, and September 29, 1953, the latter of which is recorded in Deed Book 3824, page 418, of the public records of Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Coastal Petroleum Company, Gulf Oil Corporation and Commonwealth Oil Company, have expended money and participated in the drilling of said well pursuant to aforesaid motion adopted by the Trustees on May 19, 1953; and

WHEREAS, the said well to be drilled on said Section 16 has been drilled to a depth of 11,557 feet and appears to be a producing well, same being known as "No. 1 Wisehart and State Board of Education," also popularly known as the "40 Mile Bend Well";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in regular meeting assembled, that the well which is known as "No. 1 Wisehart and

State Board of Education," also popularly known as the "40 Mile Bend Well" situate in Section 16, Township 54 South, Range 35 East, Dade County, be, and the same hereby is, deemed, taken and accepted in full satisfaction of the lessee's current obligations under amended Section 3 of State Lease 340-340A, in all respects as if said well had been actually drilled on the area embraced within said Lease 340-340A; and that by reason of the drilling of said well the lessee's obligations to commence and/or conduct operations for the drilling of a well or wells on the area embraced within said Lease 340-340A, and any and all requirements, if any, as to production of oil, gas or other minerals from said leased premises be, and the same hereby are, declared, pursuant to said amended Section 3 of State Lease 340-340A, to be fully satisfied for a period of 2½ years from and after the date on which operations for the drilling of said well were completed, which said date is hereby declared to be the 14th day of October, 1953.

Attorney General Ervin subsequently indicated his approval of the resolution.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from Mr. James Messer, Jr., on behalf of Mr. T. S. Pridemore, for thirty (30) days time within which to accept counter proposal from the Trustees to make payment of \$2000.00 for Broward County land in Government Lots 3 and 4, Section 2, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, advertised to be sold August 18, 1953.

The City of Miami requests that the Trustees give approval to the issuance by the city of a ten-year lease, with option for renewal of an additional ten years, in favor of the Miami Outboard Club, Inc., covering an area on MacArthur Causeway, which lease is identical with a lease approved by the Trustees from the City of Miami to Miami Yacht Club.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees interpose no objection to the issuance of the said lease by the City of Miami to the Miami Outboard Club, Inc., the said club being of a semi-public nature.

Mr. Elliot presented application from Gulf Oil Corporation, under assignment from Commonwealth Oil Company of three-fourths interest in Lease No. 833, for approval of site for drilling a well at a location described as 660 feet north of the south line and 310 feet west of the east line of Lot 4 of Fractional Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 28 West, Santa Rosa County, Florida, at which location it is proposed to drill Well No. 1, Gulf Oil Corporation. Representatives of the oil company explained that the site of the well at the top is at the gulf

shore but the well will be drilled on a slant so that it will pass into the water from the shore and under water bottoms under lease No. 833 from the state. The company stated that it has permission from the shore owner to set up the rig on the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the site as described for Gulf Oil Corporation Well No. 1—Santa Rosa County.

(DADE COUNTY HEARING AFTER MURPHY ACT SUBJECTS)

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Bay	9-8-53	15
Citrus	11-9-53	1
Clay	11-14-53	2
Hillsborough	11-10-53	5
Lake	11-9-53	4
Martin	8-17-53	62
Nassau	11-9-53	2
Okaloosa	10-5-53	1
Volusia	11-2-53	2

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of Duval County Quitclaim Deed No. 752 in favor of B. B. Brown, for the purpose of releasing the state road right of way reserved in original deed, the State Road Department having approved such release.

Mr. Elliot presented two requests from former owners for conveyance of land under Chapter 18296, located in Okaloosa County. Applicants request deeds under provisions of Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953, which provide for sale to former owners without advertisement and public sale. All requirements of the law and of the rules of the Trustees have been complied with and the price fixed for said land has been deposited with the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of deeds as follows:

OKALOOSA COUNTY—Margaret Echols

Part Government Lot 5, Section 16, Township 2 South,
Range 24 West, 6.77 acres—\$37.50

OKALOOSA COUNTY—Lloyd K. Gibson and wife
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township
2 South, Range 24 West, 5 acres—\$25.00.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for right of way through two parcels of land in Washington County, to be used in connection with State Roads S-273 and S-277.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of the State Road Department and execute right of way easements to the following designated parcels:

WASHINGTON COUNTY—

That part of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in Northeast Corner of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, and North 5 acres of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, all in Township 5 North, Range 13 West, lying within 50 feet of the center line of State Road No. 273-Sec. 6156;

WASHINGTON COUNTY—

That part of North 5 acres of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 5 North, Range 13 West, lying within 50 feet each side of the center line of State Road S-277-Sec. 6158.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize disclaiming interest in Murphy Act Certificates against land in Franklin and Okaloosa Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vest no title in the state to the land covered thereby.

The Trustees fixed this date for hearing interested parties on the proposal to construct a causeway and islands from Key Biscayne in Dade County to Key Largo in Monroe County.

Mr. I. D. MacVicar, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County, announced that his board has a new proposal to submit to the Trustees, and read the following proposal:

November 16, 1953

To the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida

Gentlemen:

The Board of County Commissioners of Dade County, Florida, respectfully requests the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida to convey to Dade County, in fee simple, subject only to the conditions herein-

after set forth, for a total purchase price of One Dollar (\$1.00), so much of the submerged lands in Dade County lying between the south end of Biscayne Key and the north end of Key Largo as may be required for the purposes hereinafter set forth. The exact location and description of said lands will be determined by survey if this proposal is accepted by the Trustees.

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Dade County proposes to construct and operate upon, over, across and along the said lands a causeway consisting of a series of bridges, fills and islands to be constructed at the locations recommended and in accordance with plans to be prepared by competent engineers. A tentative lay-out of the proposed causeway is appended hereto as information, but the location of and specifications for said causeway and the islands which will be constructed in accordance therewith may be changed, altered or amended as the engineers to be employed by this Board may determine.
2. It is proposed that the said causeway shall be operated as a toll road or toll highway and that rates and charges for the use thereof shall be charged in such sums as may be adequate, with other funds to be realized from the sale of islands and spoil areas as hereinafter set forth, to pay for the cost of construction of said causeway and for its maintenance, repair and upkeep.
3. It is proposed that all earth, rock and other materials which may be dredged from the route to be followed by the said causeway as a part of the construction, together with such other dredged materials as this Board may cause to be dredged from any part of the aforesaid lands will be deposited by pumping or otherwise, upon certain areas which are designated upon the attached tentative plan as "islands." Our Board proposes to develop bathing beaches along the ocean front of such spoil areas, or islands, for the use of the public. The remainder of all such spoil areas, after reserving such bathing beaches, a roadway across such areas and such other portions as may be determined by this Board to be in the public interest, will be sold as provided by law for the disposition of surplus property of the County.
4. The Board of County Commissioners of Dade County proposes to finance the construction of such causeway by the issuance and sale of revenue bonds payable solely from the tolls and charges aforesaid and from the proceeds arising from the sale of the aforesaid spoil areas or islands.
5. This Board proposes to employ competent engineers to determine the physical feasibility of such causeway and to furnish estimates of the probable cost of its construction. It is intended that these engineers will work in close cooperation with Hon. Fred Elliot and utilize the data which has been assembled by him.

6. This Board proposes to engage nationally known traffic engineers to make a survey for the purpose of determining whether prospective revenues to be realized from the collection of tolls and charges as aforesaid shall be sufficient, with the funds to be realized from the sale of spoil areas as aforesaid, to pay off all principal and interest requirements of the proposed revenue bond issue, and to provide for proper maintenance and repair thereof.

7. It is proposed that the Trustees execute a deed conveying the aforesaid lands in fee simple to Dade County and deliver the same in escrow to some Escrow Agent satisfactory to the Trustees subject to the following conditions:

(a) If, upon receipt of the surveys, estimates and reports of its engineers as aforesaid, it shall appear that (1) the construction of such causeway is not physically feasible or (2) that such causeway would not be economically sound, this Board will immediately advise the Trustees as to such reports and the aforesaid Deed shall be returned by the Escrow Agent to the Trustees, and the obligation of the Trustees to convey said lands to Dade County shall thereupon terminate;

(b) If such surveys, estimates and reports of such engineers shall indicate that said causeway is both physically feasible and economically sound, this Board shall undertake to market its revenue bonds for the purpose of financing the cost of construction of said causeway. In the event this Board shall be unable to market such revenue bonds on terms acceptable to it, this Board shall so notify the Trustees and said Deed shall be returned to the Trustees and the obligations of the Trustees to convey said land to Dade County shall thereupon terminate;

(c) Irrespective of the character of said reports, estimates and surveys, and irrespective of the ability of Dade County to finance such construction by the issuance and sale of revenue bonds, if Dade County shall not enter into bona fide contracts with responsible construction contractors for the building, installation and construction of said causeway within thirty (30) months from the date of the deposit of said Deed with the Escrow Agent, the said Deed shall be returned to the Trustees and the obligation of the Trustees to convey said lands to Dade County shall thereupon terminate;

(d) If Dade County, (a) having received reports, surveys and estimates of its engineers as aforesaid indicating that said causeway is physically feasible and that its construction and operation will be economically sound, and (b) has been able to finance its construction by the issuance and sale of revenue bonds on terms satisfactory to this Board, has, within thirty (30) months from the date of the deposit of

said Deed in escrow as aforesaid, entered into bona fide contracts with responsible construction contractors for the building, installation and construction of said causeway, the Escrow Agent shall deliver the said Deed to Dade County and Dade County shall thereupon become and be obligated to construct the said causeway from the proceeds of such revenue bonds, but not otherwise.

Respectfully submitted
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By (s) I. D. MacVicar, Chairman

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Other members of the Dade County delegation, supporting the proposal from the County Commissioners, were introduced—Messrs. Hugh Peters, Preston B. Bird, Jesse H. Yarborough and Grant Stockdale, County Commissioners, and Mr. Mark Wilcox, Attorney for Dade County, all favoring the proposal and urging that the Trustees convey the land as outlined in the proposal.

The Trustees asked the delegation how the construction would be financed and if it was proposed that some other agency, like the non-profit corporation would handle the project, or would it be financed entirely by the county through issuance of revenue certificates in the name of the county.

Mr. MacVicar stated that the county will sell the issue of revenue bonds and they will be validated in the name of the county and the contract for the construction will be let in the name of the county and the project will at all times be under the complete supervision and control of the Board of County Commissioners; that if the Key Largo Corporation desired to purchase some of the revenue certificates, he did not think there would be any objection to that.

Attorney General Ervin stated that he just wanted it definitely established that the financing and construction of the proposed causeway would be done in the name of the county and not through some private or non-profit agency.

Other members of the Dade County Commission and the Attorney for the Board assured the Trustees that the project would be at all times under the direct supervision and control of the Dade County Board; also that if the Trustees agree to convey the land, the county will proceed to prepare a model of the project as suggested by the Trustees' engineer. A map was displayed showing the proposed route for the causeway, where the islands are to be constructed and how large—not to exceed 5000 acres.

Governor Johns thanked the Dade County Commissioners for appearing before the Trustees on this subject and wanted to substantiate the fact that the citizens of Dade County have full confidence in their county commissioners.

Mr. Thomas H. Horobin protested conveyance by the Trustees to

Dade County of the area applied for without payment for the land.

Mr. B. F. Paty, attorney of West Palm Beach, Florida, appeared before the Trustees on behalf of his clients, Canoga, Inc., owners of 541 acres of land on the southern tip of Key Biscayne, and protested conveyance of the land to Dade County as well as construction of the causeway and islands, also. His protest was on the ground that the Trustees did not have authority to convey land over which the water is in excess of three feet deep at high tide; also, that lands of his client will be subject to flooding if the present outlets should be stopped up and no assurance is given that this will not happen.

Mr. Paty cited the case of Deering vs. Martin, decided in 1926—116 Southern, page 54, in which the Supreme Court held that the state has no authority to convey land covered by water more than three feet deep at high tide. He estimated that only about 20 percent of the area involved was covered by water less than three feet deep. Mr. Paty stated that the Trustees have no plan or anything definite from the county, and he is opposed, on behalf of his clients, to the state conveying the land to either private or public interests as he is of the opinion that there is no authority for such conveyance. He called attention to minutes of the Trustees dated in 1945 where a similar proposal was turned down.

Mr. Paty was asked if he opposed construction of any causeway, to which he replied that he would.

Attorney General Ervin stated that in the past the Trustees have granted right of way to the State Road Department across submerged lands, have conveyed to cities and counties for public purposes such areas, and if Dade County is not given assurance that the Trustees will convey the land they cannot go ahead with the project and if they have to pay a large sum for the property they will be stopped to start with; that the Trustees will not go into the project unless the state's engineer thinks it is alright and that it will not result in damage to property of private individuals.

Mr. Elliott stated that there are two propositions on which his report is based. The report, copies of which were furnished the Trustees last week, is as follows:

**REPORT TO TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT
FUND ON CAUSEWAY AND ISLAND PROJECT
SOUTH END OF KEY BISCAYNE TO NORTH END OF
KEY LARGO**

Bay Biscayne is a body of water in Dade County, Florida, extending from the middle of Township 52 South, Range 42 East, southward to the Dade County line at Broad Creek. Its length north and south is approximately 36 miles; its maximum width east and west is approximately 9 miles; its total area, exclusive of islands, is approximately 200 square miles. It is partially landlocked by land extending above water from

the south end of Key Biscayne northward except for openings connecting it with the ocean between Key Biscayne and Virginia Key, Virginia Key and Fishers Island, Fishers Island and south end of Miami Beach, and an opening near its north end known as Haulover Cut. The opening between Fishers Island and Miami Beach is occupied by what is called the Government Cut, or main ship channel, leading to the Port of Miami. To the southward the bay is separated from the ocean by Ragged Keys, Sand Keys, Elliott Key and Old Rhodes Key. Seaward of its middle portion south of Key Biscayne to Ragged Keys, shoals or reefs through which exist numerous channels, are interposed between ocean and bay. Channels extend easterly and westerly connecting bay and ocean, having depths for the most part varying from 6 to 15 feet at mean low water. Depths over shoals vary generally from Zero to 4 feet. The distance from the south end of Key Biscayne to Ragged Keys is approximately 9½ miles. The shoals act as barrier reefs between bay and ocean and afford some degree of protection to the bay and westward shore against the action of ocean. The project area comprises the shoals and channel area south of Key Biscayne to Ragged Keys. Photostats from Coast Charts Numbers 1248 and 1249 attached hereto disclose the character of the bay.

Title to the submerged bottoms affected by the proposed project is in the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. Whether or not the area will be made available for project purposes, and if so under what conditions, has not been determined by the Trustees.

CONTROLLING CONSIDERATIONS

1. Whether or not increased hurricane danger to the shore of Bay Biscayne will result from construction of causeway and islands.
2. Whether or not navigation will be injuriously affected.

This report deals with those two questions only. The two questions raised result from a proposal to construct a causeway from the south end of Key Biscayne southward across channels, shoals and keys to Key Largo in Monroe County, and along the causeway the construction of certain islands raised above storm tide.

Under present conditions, during hurricanes severe damage has resulted along the shore of the bay, more pronounced to the westward of the opening over shoals and channels south of Key Biscayne.

AS TO THE FIRST QUESTION:

Many residents of the bay locality believe that the construction of a causeway and the building up of islands along the causeway route south of Key Biscayne will increase the danger in the bay and along the westward shore. Others believe the proposed construction would lessen hurricane danger and

damage. All desire information which may be relied upon as to the result to be expected from the causeway and island project.

A common expression locally applied to the open area south of Key Biscayne to Ragged Keys is that this area is a "safety valve" permitting the surcharge of hurricane waters in the bay to quickly return to the ocean upon abatement of the hurricane, or reversal of wind direction. That the opening acts in that capacity to a degree is correct; but by so much as the opening permits the hurricane waters to return to the ocean, it also permits hurricane driven waters to enter the bay. The shoals or reefs between bay and ocean afford varying degrees of protection to the bay during all stages of tide and wind, whether normal or above normal. Under normal conditions of wind and tide, wave action from the ocean is broken up or greatly reduced. Protection is of less degree as water depths over the shoals increase under storm conditions. Damage caused by water has been less severe in areas to the westward of the Miami Beach peninsula, protecting the northern portion of the bay, and to the westward of Sand Key and Elliott Key, protecting the southern section.

Maximum damage is done as the hurricane at its peak, coming in from the ocean, drives the water into the bay, accompanied by wave crests of great height mauling the westward shore, not as the wind changes direction or the storm abates, resulting in reduced wave action and return of the bay's surcharge to the ocean.

That hereinafter set forth is based principally on two propositions as follows:

FIRST: That if channels between islands to be built southward of Key Biscayne are provided, having a combined flow capacity under hurricane conditions not less than the combined flow capacity through existing channels and over existing shoals so as to return the surcharge of storm waters in the bay to the ocean not less quickly than under existing conditions, the so-called "safety valve" effect will be preserved.

SECOND: That interposed between channels, the building of islands so limited as not to encroach upon required channels will act, as do existing shoals, as barriers between bay and ocean and will afford not less protection to the bay and its shore than is now afforded by the natural shoals.

These two assumptions are sound and provide a simple approach to the subject.

From the foregoing, the first consideration in order and in weight is channel. The second, island building, is largely an incident to the first.

The return of surcharge to the ocean can be accomplished by dredging openings between islands and extending the same

between bay and ocean of sufficient depth and width to provide as great discharge during a hurricane as now prevails under natural conditions.

It is likely that to leeward of wide, deep channels connecting bay and ocean greater wave action in the bay will result than prevails under existing conditions of shoals and narrow channels. On the other hand, as the hurricane comes in from the ocean, there is no opportunity under existing conditions for waters in the bay to return to the ocean as undertow. Deep channels will afford opportunity for undertow to set in in the lower channel sections below the effect of wind and wave.

The deeper the water over shoals under hurricane conditions, the less the protection afforded by them to the bay and westward shore. The building up of islands above water would intercept wave action and afford protection to greater degree. The width and depth of the bay, together with the configuration of its bottom, is such that the combined effect of islands and channels would probably be little different from that which prevails under present natural conditions of shoals and channels, with a trend toward ameliorating, rather than aggravating, conditions.

To provide openings for flow capacity under storm conditions equal to that naturally existing is feasible from an engineering standpoint; cost is not within the scope of this study. The result would be the discharge of water at the higher levels at a quantity rate not less than obtains under present conditions and at greater rate than now prevails as water levels in the bay become lowered. This is by reason of the more efficient, broad, deep channels than the shallow sheet of water which now passes over the shoals. This effect is particularly favorable to navigation in reducing current velocity through the ship channel and other entrance channels.

Under proper design, based upon reliable data, and provision of ample openings, hurricane danger to the bay area will not be increased. The matter of openings will be further discussed under the second question.

THE SECOND QUESTION relates to navigation.

That stated under the first question in reference to openings also has bearing upon navigation inward and outward. The Government Cut is the ship channel serving the bay area. Other navigable channels also serve the bay. Those to be provided in connection with the causeway project must be such as will develop currents without excessive velocities in the new channels or cause increase in velocities in existing channels. The building up of islands as proposed, without providing ample openings for flow into and out of the bay, would increase flow velocities in the ship channel and others to such extent as would be inconvenient, and at times hazardous, to

navigation. Therefore, the need for openings of ample width and depth to compensate for the lessened flow area resulting from island building. Flow velocity convenient and safe for navigation is less than that which would ordinarily be provided with safety as high water relief flow. From that imposed by a consideration of navigation, the openings must be larger and have the required flow capacity at lower current velocity than would otherwise be required.

While the velocity at high levels of return flow would probably be greater than desirable in the Government Cut and other channels for navigation, either inward or outward, the relief flow period will be of short duration. Vessels will remain in port till after the hurricane and its hangover will have passed and will not be delayed because of channel current, which by that time will be near normal. The dredging of adequate openings will serve another useful purpose since channel excavation will provide material sufficient, or nearly so, to build up islands to the extent of about 5,000 acres.

Answering both questions, the building of causeway, bridges, and islands between Key Biscayne and Key Largo, accompanied by the provision of adequate channels to compensate for flow area lost by island building, in accordance with proper plans and sound design, would not increase hurricane danger to the bay locality, and would not injuriously affect navigation, but for both the effect could be beneficial.

Applicable to these conclusions, data in greater detail follows:

TABULATIONS

That hereinafter set forth is not for the purpose of laying down any definite plan or for determining final quantities, but for developing a basis for preliminary study of island and channel in connection with the causeway project. Figures are approximate only, but are believed to be within a sufficiently close approximation to disclose what can be done.

Tabulation "A" sets forth data on which much of that which follows is based. Depths and widths, shoals and channels, are taken from U. S. Coast and Geodetic Surveys as portrayed by Charts 1248, 1249 and 848. Applicable parts of charts 1248 and 1249 are reproduced on a single sheet. Part of chart 848 is also reproduced. Both are attached hereto. That added to the charts is not a plan, but is for illustrating what can be done.

TABULATION "A"

Present conditions channels and shoals
 Key Biscayne to Key Largo at M. L. W.
 L = Location number on coast chart 848
 W = Width Ft. N. & S.
 D = Depth Ft.
 A = Cross section area sq. ft.

L	Channels			Shoals		
	W	D	A	L	W	D
1	1430	16	22,880	2	2,100	2
3	600	13	7,800	4	900	1
5	400	15	6,000	6	2,100	2
7	850	10	8,500	8	2,000	1
9	400	9	3,600	10	1,200	2
11	300	8	2,400	12	450	2
13	300	8	2,400	14	200	2
15	400	8	3,200	16	1,500	2
17	500	10	5,000	18	700	2
19	400	8	3,200	20	900	2
21	450	6	2,700	22	1,000	3
23	600	8	4,800	24	1,200	2
25	300	10	3,000	26	2,800	2
27	900	5	4,500	28	16,000	4
29)						
30)						
31)	6500	5	32,500			
32)						
Caesar Creek	1500	9	13,500			
Broad Creek	1800	6	10,800			
Angel Fish Creek	450	12	5,400			
Total	18,080		142,180		33,050	96,200

Total channels and shoals sq. ft.—238,380

Though some channels do not extend entirely through or across shoals, they serve to accelerate flow and are assigned through channel rating. L 29 to 32, though actually shoal, is placed in channel column for the reason that the water over much of it approaches channel depth. To whatever classification assigned makes little difference.

TABULATION "B"

CHANNEL CROSS SECTION AREA

In Tabulation "A" the channel cross section areas are calculated as having vertical sides for the full channel width and depth shown on the coast charts. It is clear that the channels do not have vertical sides. To arrive at accurate cross section areas would require soundings across the channels at such intervals as would disclose accurately the configuration of the bottom. Soundings have not been made. An approximation can be arrived at by allowing reasonable side slopes applied as a percentage of area and quantity.

For approximate purposes, it is assumed that the neat channel cross section area is 80% of the estimated rectangular channel section at M. L. W. So that approximate net flow area is:

Channels 142,180 x .80.....	113,744 sq. ft.
Shoals as calculated.....	96,200 sq. ft.

Total	209,944 sq. ft.
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That is the estimated cross section area at M. L. W. now existing under natural conditions from the south end of Key Biscayne to and including Broad Creek.

The cross section area under hurricane conditions between Zero of M. L. W. and Plus 6 as the level of solid water over the entire shoal and channel distance would be and below M. L. W.

306,780 sq. ft.
209,944 sq. ft.

Or a total at present under hurricane conditions	516,724 sq. ft.
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Under the first proposition here laid down, that to preserve the "safety valve" effect, channels between islands must be provided, the combined flow capacity of which shall be not less than the existing flow capacity through the natural channels and over natural shoals.

To compensate for reduction of flow resulting from island building and for providing the equivalent of existing flow section, wide, deep channels should be constructed. It will be shown that such channels may be about 14 feet deep at M. L. W. or 20 feet deep below elevation Plus 6 as representing hurricane conditions, and of total widths to meet flow requirements. As to wide, deep channels compared with existing relatively narrow, shallow channels, and over shoals, other conditions being approximately equal, such as wind and wave, barometric pressure, water levels in bay and ocean and gradient or slope of flow from bay to ocean, the deeper, wider channels as a result of higher value of the hydraulic radius and improved regimen, the result will be that deep, wide channels will be more efficient in discharge capacity than relatively shallow, narrow channels and shoals now existing. The ratio between them per unit of cross section area would not be lower than 120 to 100, or for first, 20% greater than for second.

It is not intended here to go into great refinement of calculations, data for which is lacking, but to arrive at figures which can be applied within reasonable limits on the safe side as a factor of safety. The ratio 120 to 100 is safe to apply.

Estimated present cross section area of flow	516,724 sq. ft.
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At 20% less for new channels.....	413,380 sq. ft.
Deducting for natural channel south end Key Biscayne.....	8,000 sq. ft.
To be provided—new channels below elevation + 6'.....	405,380 sq. ft.
Under hurricane conditions, total aggregate channel width 20,270 ft. or approximately 3.8 miles.	

Summing up in connection with island building, new channels to be provided are recommended to have a depth of 14 feet at M. L. W. and an aggregate width of 20,270 feet, having a cross section area at elevation Plus 6 feet to provide, including natural channel south end of Key Biscayne—414,000 sq. ft. for affording current flow under hurricane conditions not less than exists under natural conditions.

TABULATION "C"

CHANNEL EXCAVATION AND ISLAND BUILDING

The total channel cross section area required at M. L. W. is 292,200 sq. ft. Channel length will be approximately 13,500 ft. From these figures the total channel cubic contents at M. L. W. is 146,100,000 cu. yds.

Much of the channel section is already open; how much is not accurately ascertainable without much field work not yet done. Examination of coast charts suggests about 25 to 30 percent open, resulting in excavation around 109,575,000 cu. yds.

To build up islands to the extent of 5,000 acres to elevation plus 8 ft. will require approximately 100,000,000 cu. yds.

All channel excavation will be near enough to islands for a suitable hydraulic dredge to deposit on them the material excavated from channels. Allowing 15% for shrinkage and waste, channel excavation will provide about 93,000,000 cubic yards for island building. A wide variety of island arrangement can be made to fit into the calculations for channels.

Two proposals have been advanced, both of like character, that when and if the project area is acquired from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, the cost of the causeway-island project be met from the sale of island land. Under that setup, islands become a prerequisite in project effectuation. With how the project is to be financed, this report is not concerned. In so far as islands are concerned, this discussion treats them principally as incident to dredging channels to

compensate for the flow section which islands will occupy. No definite plan has been offered. None can be till complete engineering and construction data are gathered.

Island location under the County Plan is shown on a reproduction of part of Coast Chart No. 848. Channel arrangement to fit islands and to meet channel cross section area requirements are added. A more economical arrangement of islands and channels can be developed which will make more effective use of shoals for island building and of natural channels in dredging artificial channels. Also, a more effective island arrangement can be developed toward better protection to the bay with no increase in danger to islands.

TABULATION "D"

CHANNEL ARRANGEMENT

Fitting channel arrangement to the County Island Plan on a trial basis is the following:

<i>New Channel</i>	<i>Av. Width Ft.</i>	<i>Depth Ft.</i>
		<i>M. L. W.</i>
1. Key Biscayne to Island A.....	5,800	14
2. Island A to Island B.....	4,400	14
3. Island B to Island C.....	5,700	14
4. Island C to Key D.....	2,200	14
5. Caesar Creek	700	14
6. Broad Creek	1,200	14
7. Angel Fish Creek.....	300	14
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Total New Channels.....	20,300	14
<i>Existing Channels</i>		<hr/>
8. As is—S. end of Key Biscayne.....	500	16
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Total all channels.....	20,800	
Total all channels cross section area at M. L. W.....	292,200	sq. ft.
Total all channels cross section area at Minus 14 ft. to Plus 6 ft.....	417,000	sq. ft.

The last named quantity is 3,000 sq. ft.
in excess of that calculated.

It will not be necessary to carry a depth of 14 ft. to the ends of channels. Near ends, channels may be flared, and, taking advantage of side discharge in open water, depths may be gradually decreased toward ends to join natural bottom depths not above elevation minus 9 feet for channels 1 to 4, or above minus 8 for the three creek channels. At an opening to be selected, it would be desirable in the interest of navigation to carry, for a width of about 100 feet, a depth at each end equal to and connecting with the deeper portion of the bay at 12 feet.

In the foregoing, I have endeavored to deal only with the two controlling questions stated. That is—whether hurricane danger will or will not be increased in the Biscayne Bay area, either to the shore line or to navigation, by a causeway-island project southward of Key Biscayne. Hurricane danger is always present, not only to areas bordering open water, but to any area in its path. The added danger imposed by open water cannot be completely removed. In the Biscayne Bay situation, a causeway-island project can be so designed and constructed as not to increase hurricane hazard either to its shore or to navigation. Whether the proposed causeway-island project ought or ought not to be provided is not within the province of this report.

MANY OTHER ANGLES

There are many other angles of interest, especially to an engineer, in connection with the building of causeway and islands southward from Key Biscayne. The field work necessary for procuring adequate, accurate data for ascertaining with certainty not only that here discussed, but also for design and construction purposes, beginning where all construction begins—with the character of material to be encountered in dredging, part of which must be done under conditions imposed by the open ocean, and for foundations for causeway and bridge structures to be erected thereon; of structural material and design to effectively resist sea and air under violent action of both occurring in culmination; of structures of pleasing appearance and proportion; of the planning of islands desirable for homes and business; and integrated therewith, pleasure and recreation; and dominating all, financing project cost. No data on the character of material, whether earth or rock, or both, which will be encountered in excavation is available. Island grading, contouring, landscaping, soiling, planting, street and sidewalk paving, water mains from the mainland, power and light lines, sewage systems, and all the things going into the making of an area desirable and safe for habitation must be provided.

It is my information that other engineers are making examinations of the causeway and island project to ascertain whether or not increased hurricane danger to the Biscayne Bay section will result. It is being studied pro and con. That is desirable. It is certain that in projects involving a broad application of judgment based on differing assumptions, there will develop conclusions differing in detail, if not in principle. Even so, it is not unlikely that though differences there will be, many differences will be resolved and reasonable conclusions on principle arrived at. If not, then resort should be had to further study. If further study is necessary for settling the question of hurricane danger to the bay locality, the following is suggested:

1. That soundings hereinbefore referred to be taken

across existing shoals and channels sufficient to disclose bottom configuration and hydraulic characteristics.

2. That an accurate model of suitable size be made of Biscayne Bay with all channels and shoals as they now exist between bay and ocean, including a marginal ocean area outward from the bay, and that simulated hurricane conditions be applied thereto.
3. That a like model be made, except with artificial channels and islands south of Key Biscayne and the application thereto of like simulated hurricane conditions.
4. That tests on models be made by a qualified hydraulics laboratory properly equipped to simulate hurricane conditions of wind, wave and water levels.

Changes and adjustments to island and channel arrangement of 3 through experimentation would probably develop improved design; results would be convincing.

F. C. Elliot
 Engineer and Secretary
 TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL
 IMPROVEMENT FUND

2:30 P. M.

The Trustees re-convened after recess, with the same members present as at the morning meeting except Comptroller Gay, who had a previous appointment for the afternoon.

Mr. Mark Wilcox, on behalf of Dade County Board, stated that in his opinion the only question to be considered is whether or not the project is basically sound; whether or not the causeway and islands will create a hazard from the hurricane standpoint and whether or not the Trustees, as a matter of policy, desire to convey the land to the county for \$1.00.

Mr. Larson asked Mr. Wilcox if he could assure the Trustees that there is no non-profit corporation connected directly or indirectly with the proposal. Mr. Wilcox referred the question to one of the County Commissioners.

Mr. MacVicar stated that neither the Key Largo corporation nor any other non-profit organization has any connection with the new proposal, either directly or indirectly. The proposal is from the Board of County Commissioners solely and no one else.

Mr. Wilcox stated that it was expected that an escrow agreement would be drawn up between attorneys for the Dade County board and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that would protect the state and the county; that the proposal provides for approval of the project by Mr. Elliot; that the only action to be taken now is whether the Trustees are willing to give the land to the county if the project is decided to be sound from the standpoint of safety to the

area involved, from a financial standpoint and whether it can be done economically and in a practical manner.

Mr. Dewey Knight made a statement before the Trustees, on behalf of himself and Biscayne Bay Conservation group of 500 members, that basically his clients do not object to building bridges connecting the islands below Key Biscayne, but are opposed to dredging in the bay and building up 5000 acres of islands. Reference was made to an Act of the Legislature passed in 1949 which prohibited the dredging of material and building of islands in Biscayne Bay; that the County Commissioners have protested the building of islands in the bay and have asked that the Trustees abide by the wishes of the county and not allow further islands constructed. As a result the Trustees have declined to convey submerged lands in the bay and the county is now asking the state to do the very thing they have opposed all along. Mr Knight asked that the Trustees consider this proposal deliberately and not enter into this agreement which will tie up all this area for a period of thirty (30) months.

Mrs. Thomas H. Horobin, on behalf of herself and her husband, protested conveyance of the submerged areas to Dade County when a large part of the area is in Monroe County. She reviewed a part of the history of the causeway plan starting back about eight years ago when Mr. Horobin made application to the Trustees for purchase of an area on which to construct the causeway, bridges and islands, which offer was turned down.

Mr. Larson stated that he was not going to be a party to conveying any portion of these lands to any public board or the State Road Department for \$1.00; that he has heretofore stated that he thinks the offer of one hundred or two hundred thousand dollars for these lands is a ridiculously low price and as one member he will not agree to it.

Mr. Paty reminded the Trustees that the School Fund has an interest in state lands and he thinks that feature should be considered.

Mr. Joel Hurt of Vero Beach presented a proposal to construct a road and bridge, the location of which begins at the south end of Palmetto Road in Dade County and continues in projection of said road southward along the marsh of the main shore for a distance of five (5) miles to a point approximately two and three-fourths (2 $\frac{3}{4}$) miles north of Black Point where it curves to the eastward, crosses Featherbed Bank, to Sands Key, curving again to the southward to Key Largo in Monroe County.

The above route is changed somewhat from the one submitted with proposal presented to the Trustees October 27, 1953.

Mr. Hurt stated that he would furnish the Trustees with a description for advertising the land for sale consisting of a right of way 1000 feet wide on each side of the centerline of the proposed highway. He requested that the land be advertised for competitive bids and he will start at one and one-half million dollars (\$1,500,000.00); no islands will be constructed; there will be no interference with the tides. The route will lie west of Miami and act as an interceptor road for Dade County;

will eliminate the traffic hazard coming out Brickell Avenue and through Crandon Park. There will be approximately 15,000 feet of viaduct; more discharge capacity than at present, and will not cross any water areas more than two to three feet deep. The proposed route will connect with the road from the lake region and the proposed turnpike. Map was displayed showing the proposed route. He agreed that the State Road Department approved design of bridges before any construction started; that the road would be maintained in a manner satisfactory to the State Road Department; that no land or islands would be built up or sold; that he would carry insurance guaranteeing to deed the land to the state at the end of a certain period; that the road would be financed from tolls and there would be no bond issue against the county; that while he has not made an accurate estimate of the cost of the county project, it will cost around one hundred million dollars while his will cost around fifteen million.

The Dade County delegation was asked if they had studied the plan submitted by Mr. Hurt, to which they replied that they had not, but would like to have it studied by the County Planning Board.

The plan submitted in 1950 was discussed, which called for cause-way and bridges and two islands, the acreage of which was considerably less than those now proposed.

Mr. Larson suggested that if the Trustees decide to convey the land to Dade County, payment be made from funds received from sale of the islands.

Attorney General Ervin feels that the Trustees could convey the land without payment as it is a public project, but information from the Engineer is that out of the bond issue or tolls the state could be paid a fair value for the land.

The county delegation stated that payment could be made to the state as suggested; that the attorneys for the Trustees and attorneys for Dade County could get together and work out the details that would be acceptable to the Trustees.

Mr. H. P. Adair, attorney of Jacksonville, Florida, representing the Deering family, protested the proposed highway from Key Biscayne to Key Largo on the ground that there is nothing to show that private property in the area will be protected; that this plan means putting into the hands of the County Commissioners of Dade County valuable sovereign property without any definite plan of what will be done; that in effect it abrogates a large part of the constitutional powers of the state and should not be done; that an agreement given the county would not be so bad, but would tie up all this area for approximately three years; he does not think the Trustees have the right to do it and thinks that no commitment should be made until some definite plan that has been found to be workable is before the Trustees.

Mr. Wilson remarked that the County Commissioners could not get commitments for financing the project unless there is definite assurance that if the plan worked out by the engineers is workable, the

county will get title to the land; that if the wording of the proposal is objectionable it can be changed; that a contract would serve the same purpose as a deed in escrow—that is just the usual method of handling matters of this nature. If the engineers selected to work out definite plans for the project find it is not feasible and economical, then the deed would never be delivered to Dade County. On the other hand, the Trustees do not have to deliver the deed until the state's engineer approves the plan; that if a deed is going to be a stumbling block, they can work out some other method.

Mr. Adair stated that the protection he wanted was protection of the sovereign people of the state; that the land is covered by water more than three feet deep at high tide and the Trustees have no right to give Dade County, or anyone, a deed or anything that is not tied down to some sort of plan and there is nothing definite to the plan proposed by the county.

Mr. Elliott Dunwody, attorney for Mr. Arthur V. Davis, protested the proposal from Dade County; his client and the Deerings employed the engineering firm of Garris and Gee, and they have made an investigation based on the plan submitted several months ago and their findings are that the construction would create dangerous conditions to property and persons. The county does not have a definite plan, and the Trustees should not delegate the state's property for such purposes.

Attorney General Ervin stated that the plan should be given careful study; that the Trustees are largely dependent upon their engineer and he has made a study of the situation and made his recommendations; he does not think any member of the board would make any agreement without the approval of the Engineer; also the state has to depend somewhat on local authorities, and if they feel this project is of great value to that area they will have to have some assurance that they can get the land before the bonds can be validated.

Mr. Joe Kelleher of Homestead, Florida, stated that he had been assisting Mr. Horobin on the plan he has been working on for eight (8) years. He is experienced in dealing with this type property, having purchased around three million acres of land since 1925, and the whole idea of this scenic highway is Mr. Horobin's plan. If the offer he made of \$100,000 is not enough, he feels that the Trustees should decide what price they think should be paid.

Mr. Larson stated that he feels an important step has been taken in eliminating the non-profit corporation and that has removed a large part of the objections; that as one member he feels he has a responsibility to the state and would not be a party to making any deed or agreement setting aside any portion of the proposed causeway area contingent upon the financing or payment of the land at a subsequent date; that he thinks the 1950 plan should be studied as it has a concrete proposal and is preferable to the plan now being presented. Mr. MacVicar stated that the reason the county got away from the 1950 plan was the toll feature, which would be prohibitive. As to what the county will pay the Trustees for the land, he would suggest that Mr.

Wilcox and the Attorney General work out a plan to include in the bond issue the amount to be paid for the land.

Mr. Bird stated that his board appreciates the courtesies extended today and that they will continue to work on the project.

Attorney General Ervin agreed with Mr. Larson that the Dade County Board should be commended for dropping the non-profit corporation plan; that he feels the public road needs should be handled by public bodies, responsible to the people of the state and subject to the statutes of the state; that with the information presented today he feels that the Trustees could take some action that would permit the County Commissioners to go forward with surveys and determine the feasibility of the project; that a contract could be drawn in lieu of the escrow deed; that the Trustees would not release the land until Mr. Elliot has approved the project, with the approval of the Trustees. Mr. Elliot has reviewed the plan from an engineering standpoint and there will be legal questions to be settled; but unless some agreement is reached Dade County cannot go ahead with any plans. The Attorney General further stated that personally he would be willing to contribute the land as the benefits to accrue will be worth more than what the Trustees will receive; however, the county has indicated that the cost of the land could be paid out of proceeds from the bond issue.

Governor Johns thanked all parties for coming before the Trustees and expressing their views on the subject, but stated that since Mr. Gay had to be absent from the afternoon meeting he had told him that no action would be taken until a full membership could consider the question at a later date.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

December 15, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

The Trustees agreed to advertise for objections only submerged land in Palm Beach County, with sale to be held December 1, 1953. A quorum of the Trustees was not present on that date and the following sale was held for confirmation today:

PALM BEACH COUNTY—On August 18, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 for the parcel from Mr. George S. Brockway, on behalf of Mr. Bruce F. Marchand, for purchase of submerged, semi-submerged or filled land lying between the meanders of Boca Raton Lagoon included in the South 50 feet of Lot 24 and the North 75 feet of Lot 25 of Redlhammer Subdivision in Section 16, Township 47 South, Range 43 East, containing 0.975 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on October 30, November 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1953, with sale to be held December 1, 1953. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Bruce F. Marchand at the price offered.

POLK COUNTY—On October 20, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$15.00 an acre from Mr. Ray Clements for purchase of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 27 South, Range 25 East, containing 40 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$15.00 an acre, and notice of the sale was published in the Polk County Democrat on November 13, 20, 27, December 4 and 11, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the record of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and it was announced that a bid of \$16.00 an acre was received before the meeting and bidding would start at that figure. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$25.00 an acre from Mr. Clements.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$25.00 an acre from Mr. Clements.

Later during the meeting, Mr. Joe Kelleher, who was the other bidder for the Polk County land, came before the Trustees and asked that he be allowed to withdraw his bid as he was not aware of the fact that Mr. Clements was the adjoining owner or he would not have bid against him.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the sale of Polk County land be cancelled and that the parcel be readvertised for sale at competitive bids.

MONROE COUNTY—On October 27, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Mr. Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Mr. Phil Sadowski, for purchase of a group of five islands called Tarpon Belly Keys in unsurveyed Section 6, Township 66 South, Range 28 East, containing 13 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale subject to objections and competitive bidding, starting with the offer of \$150.00 an acre, and notice was published in the Key West Citizen on November 13, 20, 27, December 4 and 11, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and the only bid received was from the applicant—\$150.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$150.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Sadowski.

The following sales were advertised for consideration on this date based on application from the adjacent upland owner in each case:

1. **MONROE COUNTY**—On October 27, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. John P. Goggin, on behalf of F. V. and M. W. Crane, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Florida Bay lying westerly of and adjacent to Government Lot 5, Section 2, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Key Vaca. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale subject to objections only, as required by law, and notice was published in the Key West Citizen on November 13, 20, 27, December 4 and 11, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the record of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

2. **MONROE COUNTY**—On October 27, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Allan B. Cleare, Jr., on behalf of Mr. Edward R. McCarthy, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Similiar Sound located in Sections 22 and 23, Township 67 South, Range 26 East, lying easterly of that part of Government Lot 1 of said Section 22, south of U. S. Highway No. 1, containing 1 acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale subject to objections only, as required by law, and notice was published in the Key West Citizen on November 13, 20, 27, December 4 and 11, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

3. **MONROE COUNTY**—The Trustees on October 27, 1953, considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Chester F. Tingler and wife, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Straits of Florida, lying northerly of Section 14, and

Government Lot 2 of Section 15, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, containing 3.2 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on November 13, 20, 27, December 4 and 11, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

4. MONROE COUNTY—On October 27, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 from Paul E. Sawyer on behalf of Florida Keys Aqueduct Commission, for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land in the Bay of Florida, southwesterly of and adjacent to a part of Government Lot 1, Section 34, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, at Stock Island, containing 0.6 of an acre, more or less. The land is to be used for public purposes only. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on November 13, 20, 27, December 4 and 11, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

5. SARASOTA COUNTY—On October 27, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from John F. Burkett, Jr., on behalf of Stanley D. Forbes, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Lyons Bay, Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 18 East, containing 1.08 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on November 13, 20, 27, December 4 and 11, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm the foregoing five (5) sales in favor of the applicants, as adjacent owners, at the price offered by each.

MONROE COUNTY—On October 20, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Allan B. Cleare, Jr., on behalf of Al Logun, for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land in the Straits of Florida, in Township 68 South, Range 25 East, south of and adjacent to Tract 16, in the City of Key West, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on November 13, 20, 27, December 4 and 11, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the sale was called out and verbal objections were filed to the sale by J. Y. Porter, attorney, on behalf of the City of Key West, Florida, on the grounds that the lands are not bay bottoms, not within the Straits of Florida, do not come within the purview of Sections 253.12 and 253.07, or 271.01; that the land is being sold, bulk-headed and filled and will destroy the one good bathing beach owned by the City of Key West. The city contends that this land is part of the continental shelf out into the Atlantic Ocean and the adjoining owners have the riparian rights by statute of 1856; that the city has no objection to applicant building a wharf but does object to filling and bulkheading.

Mr. Moriarity, Assistant Attorney General, reported that he had seen the land being advertised, and the argument of Mr. Porter runs counter to Trustees' claim under Section 253.12 as amended in 1951; that the application was not based on the right of a riparian owner but the party desires to purchase about 100 feet to be filled in; that it is the interpretation of the Attorney General's office that Section 253.12 vests title to this property in the Trustees; that the city's beach is 200 feet from the property being advertised; that two other parcels in the same area have recently been sold, one of which has already been bulkheaded to the high water mark, and no objections were filed in those cases.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the objections be noted and that the matter be deferred for consideration at some future meeting.

Mr. Wilson Sanders, on behalf of Mr. Arthur Park, offers \$300.00 an acre for approximately 3 acres of lake bottom land on Lake Conway, adjacent to his upland property, being Lot 68 in Gatlin with Hobbs Subdivision, Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 30 East. (Misc. Plat Book 4, Page 177, Public Records of Orange County.)

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the land applied for at the price offered, without advertising.

Mrs. Augusta Furman offers \$10.00 an acre for NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, Township 46 South, Range 29 East, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 51 South, Range 32 East, containing 80 acres, more or less, in Collier County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids based on offers from Mrs. Furman.

The following applications were received for purchase of submerged areas adjoining upland property of applicants:

Mr. W. A. Parrish, on behalf of John D. Day and wife,

offers \$200.00 an acre for 8 acres of bay bottom land adjoining upland property known as Tract 8 of Edmond Acreage Tracts in Section 11, Township 66 South, Range 32 East; Monroe County;

Mr. R. C. Alley of West Palm Beach, Florida, requests that the Trustees readvertise two parcels of Palm Beach land contained in Deed No. 19918 to Bessemer Properties, Inc., for the reason that errors were made in original descriptions.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land applied for by Mr. Parrish and by Mr. Alley, for their respective clients, for objections only.

Mr. Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, requests conveyance without cost to the county of 0.33 of an acre of bay bottom land adjoining Lot 33, Sunkrest Sub-division, in Section 35, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County, the said parcel to be used as street right of way.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to convey the parcel desired by Monroe County, subject to the land being advertised for objections only, the deed to carry the Public Purpose clause.

Mr. Elliot presented application from Mr. Lawrence A. Truett, on behalf of Geophysical Services, Inc., of Dallas, Texas, for permission to undertake seismograph work on all areas owned by the state in the bays, inlets, water bottoms, islands and submerged lands within an area designated as follows:

"The area lying between Latitude 24 and 25 North and Longitude 82 and 84 West. It extends from Marquesas Keys nearly equi-distant North and South, within the above latitude range, and westward to include Rebecca Shoal, Dry Tortugas and approximately 75 miles westward from Dry Tortugas."

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from Geophysical Services, Inc., in so far as the interest of the State of Florida may appear, said permission to extend to January 1, 1955.

Gulf Oil Corporation, lessee of part interest assigned from Coastal Petroleum Company in Lease No. 340-340-A, made application to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for approval of a well location to be drilled by said company on its leased premises in Dade County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted,

that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund approve the site for a well to be drilled on the location described as follows:

In the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 54 South, Range 36 East, more particularly described as being 660 feet East of the West boundary, and 150 feet North of the South boundary of said section, and further described as 660 feet East of the West boundary of said Section and 534.4 feet North of the South right of way line of the Tamiami Trail.

Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District requests additional right of way for West Palm Beach Canal and Levee L-12 through Trustees lands in Sections 21 and 22, Township 43 South, Range 39 East, Palm Beach County.

Mr. Elliot explained that in view of the plans of the District for widening and deepening West Palm Beach Canal and construction of Levee L-12 on the north and northeasterly side of said canal from the District's pumps east of Twenty-Mile Bend to Lake Okeechobee, the said levee will over-lap and destroy the levee and reclamation ditch of the Trustees reclamation Project No. 1 on the northeast side of West Palm Beach Canal. Mr. Elliot recommends that the Trustees grant easement as requested, conditioned that the District will re-locate and replace ditch of Project No. 1, with depth and width not less than now exists; that the District's levee serve as the Reclamation Project levee; provide for opening through District Levee at Project No. 1 outfall canal connecting with West Palm Beach Canal, having flow capacity suitable for discharge of 330 cubic feet per second, and that any other work changing existing operating conditions shall be such as shall not decrease the efficiency or increase operational cost of reclamation facilities of Project No. 1, affected by works of the District.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant easement as requested under the terms and conditions as recommended and outlined by Mr. Elliot.

Mr. Edgar John Phillips, for and on behalf of the residents of the Town of Belleair, Pinellas County, Florida, submitted copy of petition which was presented to the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County sitting as Pinellas County Water and Navigation Control District, requesting that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund deny any application from Mr. Homer Overly for purchase of submerged land for the purpose of bulkheading and filling of a parcel, referred to as a finger, out into the water approximately 2000 feet. The County Water and Navigation Control District indicated a willingness to work further with Mr. Overly in an effort to reach some amicable agreement for a reduced acreage.

The Town of Belleair requests opportunity to be heard in the event Mr. Overly makes application to the Trustees to purchase the sub-

merged area; that if such application has not been made, the Trustees take the land off the market by conveying it to the Town of Belleair with the understanding that it never be used for commercial purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from Pinellas County and/or the Town of Belleair and withhold sale of submerged areas in the event Mr. Overly makes application to purchase, and in the event any such application is received that it be cleared through the Pinellas County Board before taking definite action.

Action was deferred on request from Mr. M. A. Ramsey, representing Surfside Properties, Inc., that certain land in St. Lucie County be conveyed to his client and to Mr. R. N. Koblegard without cost. The Trustees desired further information on the subject.

Mr. Elliot reported as information that local interests in the Withlacoochee River area—Citrus and Levy Counties—have requested that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund make available to the United States spoil areas for maintenance and improvement of Withlacoochee River channel, and that pursuant to established policy he advised said interested parties that upon application from the District Engineer, Department of the Army, the spoil areas would be granted.

Mr. Elliot's report was accepted and approved.

Mr. M. J. Carroll of Orlando, Florida, requests refund of \$1082.10 representing the purchase price for 3.607 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Conway, Section 13, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, Orange County.

It was explained that Mr. Carrol has declined to accept Trustees' Deed No. 20493 dated September 22, 1953, for the reason that he feels he will not receive riparian rights under said deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for opinion as to whether or not the Trustees have authority to make refund requested.

Mr. Grant Stockdale, on behalf of the City of Miami, Florida, made application for long-term lease of the south three-fourths of Section 22, Township 56 South, Range 40 East, containing approximately 250 acres, the land to be used as a garbage dump for the city.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to a long-term lease on the area requested by the City of Miami, subject to the lease being advertised for objections.

Mr. W. Robert Fokes, of the law firm of Choate and Sinclair, Miami,

Florida, requested appointment with the Trustees for himself and the City Manager of Miami to discuss a proposed twenty-year lease on MacArthur Causeway.

Attorney General Ervin suggested that the City of Miami be advised that the Trustees will advertise for objections lease for the purpose specified and have a hearing in Tallahassee to see if there are any objections to waiving restrictions in deeds to the City.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees fix a date soon after the first of the year for hearing on this subject, Mr. Fokes to be notified of such date.

Attorney General Ervin urged that the Trustees take action as soon as possible on the several proposals for construction of causeway and islands from Key Biscayne to Key Largo.

No formal action was taken but it was agreeable with all members that action be taken as soon after the new year as possible.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees deny request from the City of Miami for approval of leasing a dock site to be occupied by a large boat converted into a restaurant.

Letter was presented from Mr. Henry P. Adair, attorney of Jacksonville, Florida, asking that an editorial in the Miami Herald November 25, 1953, on the subject of Key Biscayne-Key Largo causeway and island project, be called to the attention of the Trustees.

The Secretary was requested to advise Mr. Adair that this matter would be taken up and discussed sometime after the first of the new year.

The Trustees deferred action until after the first of the year on offer of two million dollars from Mr. Thomas H. Horobin for land on which to build a causeway and islands from Key Biscayne to Key Largo.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline to pay bill in amount of \$600.00 incurred by Mr. Thomas H. Horobin for soundings and probings taken on flats south of Key Biscayne and aerial photostats made in connection with Key Biscayne-Key Largo causeway project, no authority having been given by the Trustees for such work.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize payment of the following items:

John T. Pickett—Retainage withheld on Reclamation Project #4—Services as supervising engineer.....	\$369.00
Bishop-Wilson Lumber Co.—Material furnished for replacing rotten timbers in bridge across West Palm Beach Canal	421.36
Prewitt & Nall—Engineering supervision for removal and replacement of bridge across West Palm Beach Canal by Gahagan Construction Co. (To be reimbursed by Gahagan Co.)	92.40

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be authorized to return to Gahagan Construction Company bond in amount of \$5000.00, represented by certified check, when said company has reimbursed the Trustees the amount of \$92.40 paid to Prewitt and Nall as supervision fee on the bridge removal and replacement job.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the Secretary to invest in \$400,000.00 of State Board of Education School bonds, Series A, June 1953, from funds of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment of the following salaries and necessary expenses:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary.....	\$ 875.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer.....	525.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor.....	450.00
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant.....	400.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk.....	458.33
J. L. Dedge, Clerk-Secretary.....	400.00
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer.....	291.67
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent.....	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent.....	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid.....	27.50
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To Prin. of State School Fund.....	13,994.49
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.....	6.68
Shell Oil Company, Atlanta, Ga.....	6.94
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla....	1.35
E. B. Leatherman, CCC Dade County Filing Fee..	12.50
Wyatt's Business Machines, Tallahassee, Fla.....	3.00
Dell Hart Typewriter Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	3.00
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.....	9.80
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	76.18
Frances Thigpen, Tallahassee, Fla.	

Taking depositions in case of

Shotkin vs. Trustees I. I. Fund.....	26.25
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla....	.45
The Key West Citizen, Key West, Fla.	
Advertising land sale.....	16.87
DeLand Sun News, DeLand, Fla.	
Advertising land sale.....	17.25
Fred M. Burns, Ass't Attorney General	
Expenses to California.....	49.19
C. M. Gay, Comptroller	
Travel Vouchers by F. C. Elliot—Hearing in Miami on Key Biscayne-Key Largo proposal...	10.00
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To State Board of Conservation.....	9,811.83
John T. Pickett, Pahokee, Fla.	
Fees—Reclamation Project No. 4.....	369.00
Bishop-Wilson Lumber Co., Clewiston, Fla.	
Material for bridge at Co-Op Project No. 1.....	421.36
Prewitt & Nall, Clewiston, Fla.	
Supervision of bridge work.....	92.40
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla.	
Expenses—St. Bd. Education vs. J. Alex Arnette as Clerk of Circuit Court.....	14.11
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla.	
Expenses—Shotkin vs. Trustees I. I. Fund.....	13.12
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla.	
Expenses—Shotkin vs. Trustees I. I. Fund.....	6.61
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla.	
Expenses—Shotkin vs. Trustees I. I. Fund.....	12.63
TOTAL	\$28,677.51

Financial Statements for month of November are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of November 1, 1953.....	\$423,259.87
Receipts for the Month:	
Land Sales.....	\$44,646.51
Land Sale—Ch. 14717.....	250.00
Interest on Contracts.....	242.95
Quitclaim Deeds.....	30.00
Sale of Trustees Minutes.....	7.00
Pine Line R/W.....	100.00
Exchange	6.00
Miscellaneous Leases.....	777.00
Sand and Shell Leases.....	10,392.93
Campsites Lease.....	50.00
Timber Lease.....	72.20
Treasure Lease.....	100.00
Oil Lease.....	14,406.88
Total Receipts for the Month.....	\$71,081.47
	71,081.47

GRAND TOTAL.....	494,341.84
Less Disbursements for the Month.....	41,740.23
BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1953.....	\$452,601.11

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1953

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
11-5-53	109401	W. R. Culbreath.....	\$ 15.75
11-13-53	111988	J. Edwin Larson, State Treas. Trans. to School Fund.....	5,002.55
11-13-53	116043	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster.....	15.00
	116044	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co..	32.00
	116045	Jess Mathas, CCC.....	1.70
	116046	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.....	12.00
	116047	Shell Oil Company.....	5.45
	116048	Baker-Alford Company.....	14.15
	116049	Midyette-Moor Insurance Agency	49.96
	116050	Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector	15,831.79
	116051	Earnest Overstreet, Tax Collector	217.03
	116052	W. H. Meeks, Jr., Tax Collector	30.30
	116053	Cecile Y. Brooks, Tax Collector	404.58
	116054	L. C. Kickliter, Tax Collector..	2.26
	116055	Troy Moody, Tax Collector....	557.46
	116056	J. Colin DeShong, Tax Collector	4.91
	116057	Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector	3,952.22
11-17-53	120414	C. M. Gay, Comptroller.....	41.68
11-18-53	121305	W. E. Pound, Tax Collector	.46
11-10-53	111989	J. Edwin Larson, State Treas. Trans. to St. Bd. Conservation	11,846.48
11-30-53	126419	F. C. Elliot.....	700.95
	126420	A. R. Williams.....	412.25
	126421	A. C. Bridges.....	344.13
	126422	J. B. Linn.....	346.65
	126423	M. O. Barco.....	353.81
	126424	J. L. Dedge.....	326.40
	126425	B. C. Shelfer.....	222.41
	126426	Sinclair Wells.....	213.75
	126427	C. M. Greene.....	47.50
	126428	R. N. Landers.....	26.13
	126429	Blue Cross of Florida.....	23.15
	126430	Southern States Life Ins. Co..	17.55
	126431	5% Retirement Fund.....	165.12
	126432	Federal Tax.....	502.70

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1953.....	\$41,740.23
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U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of November 1, 1953.....	\$250.00
Receipts	—o—
Disbursements	—o—
BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1953.....	\$250.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

November 4, 1953.....	\$2,905.47
November 17, 1953.....	845.40
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1953.....	\$3,750.87

Disbursements from General Revenue:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
11-16-53	117101	Southeastern Telephone Co.....	\$ 39.85
	117102	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.....	38.20
	117103	Western Union Telegraph Co.....	3.22
	117104	Capital Office Equipment Co.....	3.70
11-30-53	123971	Ernest Hewitt.....	344.94
	123972	M. C. Pichard.....	255.46
	123973	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	7.75
	123974	5% Retirement Fund.....	20.54
	123975	Federal Tax.....	73.80
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF			
NOVEMBER, 1953.....			\$787.46

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Bay	11-30-53	38
Charlotte	11-9-53	1
Franklin	11-23-53	1
Hernando	12-10-53	1
Indian River	11-30-53	15
Jackson	11-28-53	1
Jefferson	11-24-53	2
Lake	11-9-53	3
Polk	10-29-53	11
Seminole	11-30-53	17
Sumter	12-7-53	1
Taylor	11-16-53	1
Volusia	11-2-53	2

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution and delivery of the following deeds, which have been approved for issuance by the Attorney General's office:

County of Palm Beach Deed No. 792—Duplicate to Coastal Realty Service, Inc., original deed having been lost prior to recording;

County of Polk Deed No. 3110—Correction to Byrd D. Bayless for the purpose of giving more complete description of the land described in original Deed No. 3110.

Report was presented from the State Road Department approving release of right of way reservation retained in Murphy Act deeds heretofore issued by the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following deeds be executed for the purpose of releasing state road right of way reserved in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department:

Pt. Broward Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1062 to Dr. Stephen A. Sturdevant and Anna V. Sturdevant

Pt. Broward Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1062 to Dr. Stephen A. Sturdevant

Broward Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1685 to Viola L. Farrell

Pt. Charlotte Co. Q.C. Deed No. 121 to Mrs. Frona Belle Hurd

Pt. Dade Co. Q. C. Deed No. 03-Ch. 21684 to Harold G. Elliott

Pt. Dade Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2535 to Earl G. Kehoe

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 08-Ch. 21684 to Hiram J. Raybon and wife

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 08-Ch. 21684 suppl. to Charles W. Clewis

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1673 to Brown-Mason Inc.

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2819 to Jerry Aguiar and wife

Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3304 to Robert Peyinghaus and wife

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4567 to Paul R. Mulling

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4991 to E. L. Swilley, Jr. and wife

Palm Beach Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3580 to John D. Halstead and wife

Pt. Pinellas Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1025 to Harry W. Davis

Pt. Polk Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1219 to Phillips Petroleum Co.

Polk Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2187 to J. K. Higgins

Sarasota Co. Q.C. Deed No. 384 to Wm. Anderson and Ella Arline Depfer

Request was submitted from Mr. Frank Fee of Fort Pierce, Florida,

on behalf of G. Albert Bloodworth, requesting release of oil and mineral reservation in St. Lucie County Deeds 571, 602 and 764 conveying land under Chapter 18296, located in San Lucie Plaza Subdivision. This subdivision was at one time within the boundaries of the City of Fort Pierce but has since been excluded by legislative act; however, while the land was within the municipality the city issued bonds for municipal purposes and the subdivision remains subject to taxes by the city.

Based on recommendation from the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that applicable to what was commonly termed municipal subdivisions, whether or not within the limits of a municipality, the oil and mineral reservations in Murphy Act deeds may be quitclaimed to the owner of the land, subject, however, to the condition that if under authority or consent of the owner of said land, oil or other minerals are ever produced therefrom in commercial quantities, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund shall receive the one-eighth part in kind or in value of such production; conditioned further that when and if a building comprising a roof structure having a floor space not less than 240 square feet, exclusive of porches, be erected on any lot comprising any portion of the land described in said deed, the right of the Trustees to receive any part of the oil or other minerals shall cease as to such lot upon notification to said Trustees by the owner or his agent that such building has been erected; that consideration for release of the reservation shall be \$5.00 for the first lot and \$1.00 for each additional lot.

Dixie County special case was presented in connection with sale of November 10, 1953—Report No. 69—which was referred to the Attorney General for recommendation. Clerk of the Circuit Court allowed applicant, Mr. McQueen Chaires, to bid less than the regular base bid in view of the fact that he has been paying taxes on the property since 1938. The land comprises the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, containing 80 acres in Dixie County.

The Attorney General recommends that if Mr. Chaires will raise his bid to \$2.50 per acre, the land be conveyed to him without readvertisement and sale in view of the tax situation.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize sale to Mr. Chaires upon payment of \$2.50 an acre as recommended by the Attorney General.

Mr. Willard Genovar requests conveyance under Chapter 28317 of 1953 to him as former owner of Lot 3 (except 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres) in G. W. Perrell Grant S/D in Section 41, Township 7 South, Range 30 East, containing 4 acres in St. Johns County. Mr. Elliot stated that applicant has complied with all the provisions of said chapter and has submitted an offer of \$20.00, which is the amount required as payment for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted,

that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the land under Chapter 28317 as applied for by Mr. Genovar, at the price offered.

Action was deferred pending further information on protest filed by Mr. Collier McCall to sale of St. Johns County land located in Wellington-by-the-Sea Unit #11, sold November 17, 1953—Report No. 98.

St. Johns County Clerk of the Circuit Court requests that the Trustees fix base bid for advertising 519 lots in Surfside Subdivision of Lots 5 and 12, Sections 16 and 21, Township 3 South, Range 29 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees fix the base bid of \$5.00 per lot for advertising the property in Surfside Subdivision.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates covering land in Alachua, Nassau, Okaloosa and Taylor Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vested no title in the state to the land covered thereby.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment of the following salaries:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper.....	\$410.83	
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary.....	291.66	
	Total.....	<u>\$702.49</u>

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS,
Acting Governor - Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
December 29, 1953

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated November 24, 1953, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Walter S. Hardin, on behalf of clients Glen Evins, Richard Boutelle, Theose E. Tillinghast, A. Paul Fonda, Louis Fahnestock, G. Warfield Hobbs, Charles Wisner, Frederick H. Hansen, Robert M. Wright, Roy S. Rankin, J. L. Van Volkenburg, James Hoey and himself, offers \$100.00 an acre for submerged land adjacent to their upland property on Manasota Key, in Section 22, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only, based on offer from clients of Mr. Hardin.

Mr. John F. Burkett, Jr., on behalf of clients Philip R. Coon and wife, Gertrude B. Coon, Nellie Page, Edward F. Swift, Jr. and wife, Lynn H. Morse and wife, Wm. A. Washburne, Jr. and wife, Dr. W. R. North and wife, John A. Logan and wife, and Carroll Bailey and wife, all of Nokomis, Florida, offers \$200.00 an acre for 3.09 acres of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Enchanted Isles Subdivision, being in Section 18, Township 39 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, based on offer from Mr. Burkett.

Mr. David W. Foerster, on behalf of Mr. Joseph S. Copeland, offers \$25.00 per annum, on a year-to-year basis, for lease on two small islands in the St. Johns River, one being known as "Quarantine Island" near New Berlin, and the other a spoil area located south of the channel of the St. Johns River and immediately north of Tract 4 of Section 29, Township 1 South, Range 27 East, Duval County. Applicant applies for the islands to be used by the Boy Scouts in raising cattle.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize lease on a yearly basis, the land to be used by the Boy Scouts for cattle raising.

Mr. John Derfuss offers \$50.00 an acre for all that part of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, lying East of E4 Canal, containing 5 acres; also all that part of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, lying West of Government Lot 6, containing 36.93 acres; also all that part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, lying East of

E4 Canal, containing 32 acres, all in Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Derfuss and authorize conveyance without advertising the land applied for.

Mr. W. V. Hicks, manager of Middle Florida Sand Company, Inc., submitted an offer of ten cents (10c) per cubic yard for permit to remove sand from the Ochlockonee River within an area in Section 5, Township 2 North, Range 1 West, Gadsden County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of Middle Florida Sand Company for a period of two years, payment to be at the rate of ten cents per cubic yard.

Request was presented from the Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville, Florida, on behalf of the United States, that the Trustees grant without cost certain spoil disposal areas at three (3) locations desired in connection with the approach channel from the Gulf of Mexico to Withlacoochee River between Citrus and Levy Counties, near Yankeetown.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of easement in favor of the United States covering three locations designated as spoil created islands, submerged and semi-submerged lands in the Gulf of Mexico described as Spoil Areas 53-1, 53-2 and 53-3, shown on Drawing No. 53-15, 523, filed in the office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. Robert S. Baynard of St. Petersburg, Florida, presented application, on behalf of Florida Bridge Company, Inc., for right of way across the north end of Gasparilla Sound connecting the town of Placida on the mainland with the north end of Gasparilla Island. The right of way requested is 600 feet wide parallel with and on the northerly side of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad crossing, covering such submerged bottoms as are held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. Said right of way is located in Sections 2, 3, 11 and 12, Township 42 South, Range 20 East, and in Section 34, Township 41 South, Range 20 East, Charlotte County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees grant right of way as requested in favor of Florida Bridge Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve informal action taken December 22nd, by three members, extending to January 12, 1954, the time within which Mr. T. S. Pridemore could accept or reject the proposal from the Trustees—action taken November 24, 1953—to pay \$2000.00 for Broward County land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees withhold action for further information in reference to price being received for cypress fence posts under Lease No. 167 to Gaskins Bros. Lumber Company, and Mr. Elliot was requested to ascertain at what price such posts were selling on the market today.

Request was presented for authority to make refund of approximately \$5000.00 to clients of Mr. George O. Lea, on 28 parcels of bay bottom lands in Sarasota County, for which overpayment was caused by reduction in area by reason of over-lapping Intracoastal Waterway right of way, heretofore withdrawn from sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize refunds to clients of Mr. Lea as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize refund in amount of \$680.00 to the City of Belle Glade, Florida, covering land erroneously conveyed, sale having previously been made to United States Sugar Corporation.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Attorney General has advised that it is in order to make refund in amount of \$1082.10 in favor of Mr. M. J. Carroll and wife, representing payment for Orange County land on Lake Conway conveyed by Deed No. 20493. It was shown that Mr. Carroll declined to accept the deed as he felt riparian rights were not conveyed by said deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that with further reference to Deed No. 20493 from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to M. J. Carroll and Helen Carroll, his wife, bearing date the 22nd of September, 1953, for which was paid the sum of \$1082.10, and it now appearing to the Trustees that said Carroll and wife have rejected and refused to accept delivery of the deed upon the ground that they feel they do not have riparian rights under the same and have requested cancellation of said deed and return to them of the money paid the Trustees in connection with said deed, and the Trustees having considered the said request and being fully advised in the premises, the Trustees hereby direct that the Secretary of the Board write across the face of said Deed No. 20493 the word "Cancelled," and upon cancellation of said deed that there be refunded to the said M. J. Carroll and wife the sum of \$1082.10.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliott presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Citrus	11-25-53	1
Dixie	11-10-53	1
Franklin	12-21-53	1
Hernando	11-25-53	1
Putnam	12-5-53	6

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following deeds be executed for the purpose of releasing state road right of way reserved in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department;

- Pt. Bay County Quitclaim Deed No. 346 to J. W. Youngblood
 - Pt. Duval Co. Q.C. Deed No. 725 to Lucille M. Carter
 - Pt. Duval Co. Q.C. Deed No. 725 to Charles G. Carter
 - Pt. Hernando Co. Q.C. Deed No. 347 to Albert J. Lake
 - Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2263 to Wm. O. Kick-lighter & wife
 - Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2819 to Robert Betancourt
 - Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3758 to C. J. Pickrell
 - Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4234 to Paul H. Smith Sr. & wife
 - Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4767 to James K. Dur-rance & wife
 - Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4938 to Lawrence B. Brantner & wife
 - Pt. Pinellas Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1430 to G. K. Chandler & wife
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Mr. Morris H. Miller and wife made application for deed to 5 acres of land in Section 10, Township 6 South, Range 3 West, Franklin County, under provisions of Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953, providing for conveyance of Murphy Act land to former owners without advertisement and public sale.

The Secretary explained that applicants have complied with the law and all requirements of the Trustees and have deposited amount necessary for purchase—\$25.00, which is at the rate of \$5.00 per acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept offer of \$25.00 from Mr. Miller and wife for the Franklin County land described and authorized conveyance under Chapter 28317 of 1953.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS,
Acting Governor - Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

January 5, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

The following sale was presented for consideration, subject to competitive bids:

PASCO COUNTY—On November 10, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from Mrs. Maxine Gause for purchase of two spoil islands lying south of the Anclote River Channel in unsurveyed Section 32, Township 26 South, Range 15 East, containing one-half acre, more or less, in Pasco County. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$100.00. Notice of the sale was published in the Dade City Banner on November 27, December 4, 11, 18 and 25, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

It was announced that bids on these islands would be received subject to examination as to whether any right of way or spoil areas in favor of the United States are involved in the Gulf approach channel to Anclote River.

Description of the land was called out and it was announced that a bid of \$351.00 has been received from Mr. W. R. Olsen, at which figure the bidding will start. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$376.00 being offered by Mr. Joe Kelleher for the two islands.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bid of \$376.00 from Mr. Kelleher for the two islands, subject to examination and determination as to whether any right of way or spoil areas in favor of the United States are involved.

The following sales were advertised for objections only, applicants being the adjoining upland owners:

1. SARASOTA COUNTY—On November 10, 1953, the Trustees considered request from Mr. Glenn Berry, on behalf of Sarasota County for deed to 14.17 acres of submerged land in Section 2, Township 37 South, Range 17 East, conveyance requested without cost to the county. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as re-

quired by law, and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on November 27, December 4, 11, 18, 25, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Conveyance to be for public purposes only. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out, and Mr. Elliot reported that no objections had been filed to the sale.

2. SARASOTA COUNTY—On November 10, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. John F. Burket, Jr., on behalf of Edna S. Rinke, for purchase of 0.72 of an acre of submerged land in Sarasota Bay in Section 35, Township 36 South, Range 17 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on November 27, December 4, 11, 18 and 25, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Elliot reported that no objections had been filed to the sale.

3. VOLUSIA COUNTY—On November 10, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from Horn and Ossinsky, on behalf of Mr. Floyd Wetherell, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Halifax River, lying southwesterly of Lots 20 and 21, Block 3, Wilbur Development Company's Second Addition to Wilbur-by-the-Sea, in Section 11, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, containing 1 acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun News on November 27, December 4, 11, 18 and 25, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Elliot reported that no objections had been filed to the sale.

4. VOLUSIA COUNTY—On November 10, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Charles W. Luther, on behalf of Mr. J. G. Schreiner, for purchase of 0.43 of an acre of submerged land in the Halifax River adjacent to Rogers North Orita, a subdivision in Sections 26 and 27, Township 15 South, Range 33 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun News on November 27, December 4, 11, 18 and 25, 1953, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Elliot reported that no objections had been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Attorney General Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept offers submitted for the four parcels of submerged land in Sarasota and Volusia Counties, and confirm sale in favor of applicants: Sarasota County, Edna S. Rinke, Floyd Wetherell and J. G. Schreiner.

Mr. Bernard M. Shotkin was present and stated that he protested the sale of these submerged areas and would offer double what the applicants had offered.

Mr. Shotkin was advised that these four parcels were applied for by the adjoining upland owners and the Trustees adhered to a policy of selling such areas only to the upland owner.

Mr. Shotkin stated that in a lot of these cases the applicant was not the upland owner and it was arranged for them to get the land without anyone else having a chance to bid; that the Legislature has criticized the Trustees for the way these sales are held; that he has tried to get copies of the advertisements so he can know what is being offered for sale but couldn't get them; that he felt as a citizen he has the right to get these copies before the sales are held.

Mr. Mayo explained to Mr. Shotkin that if he will give his name to the State Marketing Bureau in Jacksonville, he will receive a copy of all advertisements for sale of lands where competitive bids are involved; that those advertised for objections can be sold only to the upland owner; that as to his request for copies of all advertisements, both competitive bids and objections, he does not feel that the Land Department can give that service as they do not have sufficient office personnel to furnish such copies to all citizens of the State, and what they do for one would have to be done for others.

Mr. Larson stated it had always been his understanding that the submerged lands similar to those under consideration are advertised for sale because the upland owner has applied to buy the land and has the right to purchase this land after it has been advertised for objections; that this gives him the right to get the land in front of his upland property, and that this is the established custom of the Trustees for years.

Mr. Joe Kelleher of Homestead, Florida, was present and asked the Attorney General if Mr. Shotkin wasn't persona non grata since he is suing the Trustees in connection with a land sale.

Mr. Shotkin replied that he was not; that the Supreme Court has decided that suit against the Trustees; also that he had permission from the Attorney General to sue the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

At the conclusion of his remarks Mr. Shotkin asked if the Trustees would allow him to retract his statements as he wanted to be on friendly terms with them.

Without objection Mr. Shotkin's request was granted.

It was shown that the Circuit Court in which the case was filed has not rendered an opinion and that the Supreme Court has been asked only to pass upon a ruling of the Circuit Court in the matter of taking testimony; that the Supreme Court has not passed upon the question of the Circuit Court's ruling.

Coastal Petroleum Company requests written consent from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to assignment by Coastal to Gulf Oil Corporation of an undivided fifty (50) percent interest in all water bottoms and submerged or unsubmerged lands covered by Drilling Lease 224-B, as modified, within a described area totaling 7,104 acres, more or less, together with all bayous, sloughs, inlets or other water bottoms or lands covered by said lease, situated in Sections 24, 25 and 36, Township 41 South, Range 21 East, Charlotte County.

Mr. Elliot stated that the reference in the detailed description of the application to the "present shore line" is taken to mean the shore line at ordinary high water mark of the harbor as separating the upland from the submerged and tidal bottoms.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve assignment by Coastal Petroleum Company to Gulf Oil Corporation of fifty (50) percent interest in Lease 224-B as outlined, reference to the shore line being understood to be as stated by Mr. Elliot.

Vina Del Mar, Inc., on behalf of the Town of Pass-a-Grille Beach, Florida, applied for right of way running from 21st Street in Pass-a-Grille Beach to Long Key and to Mud Key, Pinellas County. Right of way will be approximately 302 feet long East and West by 50 feet wide North and South, extending from the East end of 21st Street to Mud Key.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant right of way easement in favor of the Town of Pass-a-Grille Beach, subject to the condition that it be used as a thoroughfare crossing the Bayou for public purposes; life of said easement to run with its use for the public purpose stated with standard provisions required by the Trustees.

The Trustees having deferred action at the December 2, 1953 meeting on a matter presented from Surfside Properties, Inc., represented by Mr. M. A. Ramsey of Fort Pierce, Florida, affecting St. Lucie County land in which Mr. Ramseys' client and Mr. R. N. Koblegard are interested, consideration was requested at this meeting. By letter directed to the Trustees from the Engineer and Secretary, dated July 10, 1953, report was submitted on erroneous survey made by the United States in 1887 of land in Section 12, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County. In said report recommendation was made as to adjustment and disposition of land affected by said survey. The recommendations of Mr. Elliot on this subject were approved October 6, 1953.

Mr. Ramsey and other interested parties were advised of the action of the Trustees and they have agreed to proceed as recommended by Mr. Elliot, but request that adjustments be made and property re-allocated without cost to either Surfside Properties, Inc., or Mr. Koblegard.

Mr. Elliot stated that the recommendation in his report to the Trustees, dated July 10, 1953 was as follows:

".... that the Trustees accept the description and area designated as government lots by which each applicant holds title; that each applicant be permitted to acquire title to the omitted marginal tidal land and the submerged bottoms running equitably therewith; that in view of the conditions arising out of the existing situation, the Trustees make a reasonable concession in the purchase price of the land below the prevailing price for other land of like character."

Mr. Elliot suggested that the concession in purchase price be fixed at one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the regular purchase price for lands of this character in that locality, which is \$100.00 an acre; that on the basis of \$100.00 per acre as the regular rate, the adjusted rate be \$50.00 an acre, payable either in cash or under the usual purchase contract.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the recommendation of Mr. Elliot be approved as the action of the Trustees, and that the price of the land be fixed at \$50.00 an acre as suggested by Mr. Elliot.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant thirty (30) day extension in time, from January 12, 1954, for disposition of Broward County sale to Mr. T. S. Pride-more—Action of Trustees November 10, 1953—in order that the Attorney General's office and the Fort Lauderdale Abstract Company, represented by Mr. J. Velma Keen, have further time in which to examine all laws on the subject and the status of various tax sale certificates under which title is held.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize payment of expense to be incurred by the Attorney General's office in the Tidelands case now in the Supreme Court of the United States, entitled State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations v. State of Louisiana, State of Florida, State of Texas, State of California, et al.

The Trustees deferred action until this date on request from the City of Miami for appointment to discuss proposed lease of land on MacArthur Causeway.

Motion was made by Attorney General Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to hear interested parties on February 2, 1954, as to whether approval should be given to long-term lease by the City of Miami for an area on MacArthur Causeway, the use of which would not be for public purposes, and that notice be given in Dade County papers that such meeting will be held on that date.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideraion that following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Lake	12-14-53	5
Okaloosa	12-7-53	2
St. Lucie	12-3-53	3

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protests that may be filed under the rules.

Request was presented for correction in description given in original Dade County Deed No. 3567-EDDJ dated September 21, 1945, in favor of The Travis Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of Dade County Deed No. 3567-EDDJ-A to The Travis Company for the purpose of correcting description in original deed, the Attorney General's office having approved such correction.

Mrs. Nannie M. Summers made application for deed under Chapter 28317 of 1953, conveying Lots 1 to 6, incl., in Block 36, G. M. Whetstone Estate Addition to High Springs, Alachua County, and offers \$30.00 for said lots.

Mr. Elliot stated that Chapter 28317 authorizes the Trustees to convey to former owner, or successor in title, lands under Chapter 18296 without advertisement and public sale; that Mrs. Summers has complied with all the terms of the Act and has deposited the amount fixed by the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$30.00 and authorize issuance of deed to Mrs. Summers under provisions of Chapter 28317.

Gulf Oil Corporation requests approval from the Trustees for assignment to Coastal Petroleum Company of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) interest in oil and gas lease No. 10-M.A., involving 160 acres (120 mineral acres) in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, Township 41 South, Range 21 East, Charlotte County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve assignment as requested, copy of such assignment to be filed with the Trustees.

Attention was called to St. Johns County sale of November 17, 1953,

Report No. 98, high bid of \$2,195.00 having been made by Commonwealth Realty Company for 188 lots in Wellington-by-the-Sea, a subdivision of Government Lot 2 of Section 21, Township 3 South, Range 29 East. Sale was protested by Mr. Collier McCall, representing Mr. James Baynard of St. Petersburg, on the ground that he and associates would have gone higher in their bidding if they had not been advised that a check would not be accepted in payment for the land.

Letter was presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of St. Johns County, in which he stated that he had never advised Mr. McCall or anyone else at the sale that a check for the amount bid would not be acceptable, and that he had no recollection of having discussed the matter with Mr. McCall; that if the Trustees desired another sale held, he would be glad to readvertise the land and hold another sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline bid from Commonwealth Realty Company and authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court of St. Johns County to readvertise the land for sale, conditioned upon Mr. McCall making the necessary deposit with the Clerk for re-sale under the protest rule.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize disclaiming interest in Murphy Act certificates covering land in Franklin, Indian River, Marion and Okaloosa Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vest no title in the State to the land covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS,
Acting Governor - Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

January 12, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated

November 10, December 15 and 29, 1953, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. H. M. Weenicke, on behalf of Benton and Company, Inc., made application for an extension on their Shell Lease No. 460 to February 7, 1962. Mr. Wells explained that other leases issued by the Trustees have like expiration dates.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of Lease No. 460 as requested under the same terms and conditions, the area covered being in Tampa Bay, Hillsborough and other counties.

Mr. Wells presented the following sales which were advertised for objections only and presented to the Trustees for consideration October 20 and December 15, 1953, objections to which were made by the City of Key West:

Mr. and Mrs. M. Mazur, applicants to purchase 1.0 acre bay bottom land in the Straits of Florida, Township 68 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County, with offer of \$200.00 an acre; sale held October 20, 1953;

Mr. Al Logun, applicant to purchase 0.24 of an acre of bay bottom land in the Straits of Florida, Township 68 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County, with offer of \$200.00 an acre; sale held December 15, 1953.

Mr. Wells explained that objections in each case were filed by the City of Key West but he does not feel that there is any merit in the said objections; that other sales have been made in the same locality and the bay bottoms will be bulkheaded and filled and used for small private businesses; that similar sales have been made in the same locality and no protests were filed. He recommended that the sales be confirmed and deeds held for thirty days.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees overrule the objections and confirm sale of the parcels described above, in favor of Mr. and Mrs. M. Mazur and in favor of Mr. Al Logun at the prices offered, the deeds conveying the property not to be delivered for thirty (30) days, within which time the City of Key West may take whatever legal action it desires.

The following applications were received for purchase of land adjacent to upland property of applicants:

Mr. Leo Wotitzky, on behalf of Grove City Realty Corporation, offers \$100.00 an acre for 23.98 acres of tidal land in

Sections 8 and 17, Township 41 South, Range 20 East, Charlotte County;

Mr. J. Hardin Peterson, on behalf of Captain Sylvesta J. Tsarvaris, offers \$100.00 an acre for submerged bottoms one-eighth (1/8) mile wide and approximately one-half (1/2) mile long between and to connect the largest of the north group of islands composing Anclote Keys, Government Lot 2, Section 19, and Dutchman Key, approximately 3.4 miles northwest-erly from the mouth of Anclote River located in Latitude 27° 12' 30" North and Longitude 82° 56' West, all being in Township 26 South, Range 15 East, Pasco County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the two parcels of land for objections only, based on offers submitted by applicants.

Mr. George S. Brockway, on behalf of Mr. Hubert Krantz, applies to purchase the bottom land abutting his property in Section 33, Township 46 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the submerged area for objections only, based on a price of \$100.00 an acre, provided there is no objection from Florida Inland Navigation District.

Mr. Madison F. Pacetti, on behalf of client, offers \$15.00 an acre for Tract 39, Section 3, Township 45 South, Range 41 East, comprising 224 acres, more or less, in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids, starting at \$15.00 an acre.

Mr. E. William Gautier, on behalf of the City of New Smyrna Beach, makes application for 92.6 acres of marshland adjacent to the city-owned Municipal Airport in the unsurveyed part of Township 17 South, Range 34 East, and Township 17 South, Range 33 East, and Township 16 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County. The city asked that the land be conveyed without cost and without the public purpose clause as they desired to sell it off as small industrial sites.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to convey the property to the city of New Smyrna Beach without cost, but placing in the deed the restriction that the land be used for public purposes only; the land to be advertised for objections only.

Mr. J. Christie Hall, Chairman of the Board of County Commission-

ers of Leon County, made application for lake bottom land on Lake Munson in Section 26, Township 1 South, Range 1 West, Leon County, the land to be used in the future for a lakeside park.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of Leon County and authorize conveyance of the land described, the deed to carry the restriction that the area be used for public purposes only.

Messrs. H. F. and J. H. Root made application for a permit to remove dried pieces of buttonwood, called driftwood, from state-owned lands in Monroe County, for which they offer \$5.00 per ton for an annual renewable permit.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize permit on an annual renewable basis.

Request was made for authority to issue quitclaim deed in favor of Everglades Drainage District for the S½ of Section 21, Township 43 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County. It was explained that this land was originally conveyed in Trustees Deed No. 17422 in 1926. Payments were never completed and the mortgage was foreclosed. During the time title was in the individual, tax certificates and a tax deed were issued and a final decree by the Circuit Court of Hendry County wiped out any equity the Trustees had in the land. At the time Everglades Drainage District held an unredeemed Everglades drainage tax sale certificate as basis of title in said District, which appears not to have been disposed of by the suit, said District not having been made party thereto. Subsequently Everglades Drainage District executed quitclaim deed to the Trustees covering the said land. The Attorney General recommends that the Trustees quitclaim the land back to Everglades Drainage District to reinstate in said District whatever right, title or interest the district held in said lands.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees follow the recommendation of the Attorney General and authorize issuance of quitclaim deed in favor of Everglades Drainage District to the land described.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Commonwealth Oil Company, holder of Lease No. 362, for approval of assignment to Sinclair Oil and Gas Company of three-eighths (3/8) undivided interest in said lease insofar as the same pertains to the areas or portions of areas situated north of Township 61 South, Range 37 East, in Dade and Monroe Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve assignment from Commonwealth Oil Company to Sinclair Oil and Gas Company of three-eighths (3/8) interest in Lease No. 362 as requested.

Application was presented from Commonwealth Oil Company that the Trustees advertise for bids an oil, gas and mineral lease on all land owned by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, not presently covered by mineral lease, lying north of the south right of way line of Tamiami Trail and its western extension into Monroe County, in Township 54 South, Ranges 35 and 36 East, Dade County, Florida, which land, if any, may be assumed for the purpose of leasing to contain approximately 220 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement for competitive sealed bids the lands described, lease to require royalty payments of not less than 1/8 in kind or in value and the amount of \$1.00 per acre annual rental increasing five percent (5%) of such original amount annually after the first two years.

Mr. Larson reported that he has had letters and calls from land owners adjoining the Everglades National Park area advising that they have been informed that there is soon to come before the Trustees a proposal whereby the limits of Everglades National Park are to be enlarged and if so they would like to be heard before the Trustees take action. Mr. Larson stated that he gave those parties assurance that they would be given an opportunity to be heard when such matter comes before the Trustees.

The board expressed itself as having no knowledge of such proposal coming before the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot stated that he had seen in the newspapers that the Collier interests desire to have certain lands owned by them included in the park area. The item further stated that the Secretary of the Interior would not consider extending the park area to include a small parcel but would await decision on extension of the entire park boundaries.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Hardee	11-2-53	2

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of the following deeds, the Attorney General's office having approved such procedure:

Dade County Quitclaim Deed to David Gilson and wife for

the purpose of clarifying description as to plat book and page number as to part of description in original Dade County Deed No. 03-Ch. 21684 dated September 26, 1944;
 Dade County Deed No. 2550-Cor. to Tampa Times Company to correct name of grantee in Deed No. 2550 dated October 19, 1944.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for the purpose of releasing state road right of way reserved in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department:

Pt. Dade County Quitclaim Deed No. 2697 to Roy Willis and wife
 Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 306 to Scott K. Mahlum and wife
 Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1145 to Robert Hanna and wife
 Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4068 to Brown-Mason, Inc.
 Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4139 to Brown-Mason, Inc.
 Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4139 to Eugene E. Corbett

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve disclaiming interest of the state in a certain certificate affecting land in Citrus County under the Murphy Act, the Attorney General's office having advised that no title vested in the state to the land covered by said certificate.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
 Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
 Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
 January 19, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charles E. Johns, Acting Governor
 C. M. Gay, Comptroller
 J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
 Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
 Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated January 5, 1954, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented the following sales for consideration:

BROWARD COUNTY—On November 24, 1953, the Trustees considered offers from Mr. George H. McConnaughay for purchase of the following parcels:

1. All NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Lot 7 North of Canal, Section 1, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, offer \$85.00;
2. Lot 24, Block 9 and Lot 52, Block 14, Amended Plat of Fairview, Section 2, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, offer of \$15.00 and \$20.00 respectively;
3. That part of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying between Railway and County Road, and that part of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ between Railway and County Road North of Cypress Creek, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, Florida Fruit Lands Company's Plat No. 1—Offer of \$85.00;
4. Lot 26 (less West 20 feet), Block B, Hanson & Nelson Subdivision, Section 34, Township 50 South, Range 42—Offer of \$25.00.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting with the offers submitted, and notice of sale was published in the Fort Lauderdale News on December 17, 24, 31, 1953, and January 7 and 14, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the parcels out according to numbers as above, and competitive bidding resulted in the following high bids:

- No. 1—Bid of \$426.00 from Mr. Joseph Kelleher;
- No. 2—Bid of \$305.00 from Shotkin and Garten
- No. 3—Bid of \$415.00 an acre from Byron R. Cameron and Herbert F. Jenne
- No. 4—Bid of \$201.00 from Joseph Kelleher.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the high bid in each case as listed be accepted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees go on record as welcoming Mr. Shotkin as a bidder at any land sale held by the Trustees, but that he be required to close each transaction before he

leaves the Capitol. Motion seconded by Mr. Gay and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Wells stated that the following four (4) sales cover applications from adjoining upland owners and have been advertised for objections only:

1. FRANKLIN COUNTY—On November 24, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$5.00 an acre from Mr. Clyde Atkinson, on behalf of Mr. C. C. Land and Mr. Jay A. Shuler, for the purchase of

"The tidal salt marsh land bordering both sides of Whiskey George and Doyle Creeks in Sections 35 and 36, Township 7 South, Range 7 West, and bordering the west side of West Bayou in Section 7 of Township 8 South, Range 6 West, and bordering both sides of Whiskey George Creek in Section 1, and the west side of said Creek in the Northeast Quarter of Section 2, and bordering West Bayou in Sections 1, 12 and 13, and both sides of Salt Water Creek in Sections 3 and 4, of Township 8 South, Range 7 West, comprising an aggregate of 1925 acres, more or less."

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Apalachicola Times on December 18, 25, 1953, January 1, 8 and 15, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that no objections have been filed with the Land Office.

Mr. B. M. Shotkin verbally protested the sale and offered to bid \$1000.00 more than applicants had bid.

The Trustees advised Mr. Shotkin that it would be necessary for him to file valid objections to sales of this kind, as the policy of the Trustees was that sales be made only to the adjoining upland owner; that the land was not up for competitive bids. The objection was overruled.

2. MANATEE COUNTY—On November 24, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Clyde H. Wilson on behalf of F. W. Zigman, S. Floyd Scrivener and wife, Walter J. Engbergs and wife, Glen B. Wittstruck and wife and Edward C. Snyder and wife, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Sarasota Bay lying northeasterly of Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of a subdivision of Fractional Sections 25, 26 and 24, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, containing 4.4 acres, more or less, located in Section 25, Township 35 South, Range 16 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Bradenton Herald on December 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1953, and January 7, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

3. PINELLAS COUNTY—On November 24, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Mr. Dewey T. Morris on behalf of Mr. C. M. Manville, for purchase of submerged land in Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, containing 2.7 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on December 21, 28, 1953, January 4, 11 and 18, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

4. MONROE COUNTY—On November 24, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from W. Curry Harris, on behalf of the Strand Theatre, for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land on the Island of Key West, Florida, lying northwesterly of Lots 5, 6 and 7, Block 27 of the Diagram of Tract 20, and lying northeasterly of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 4, of the Diagram of a part of Tract 14, and also lying northeasterly of the end of Virginia Street, as constructed. Containing 0.53 of an acre, more or less, in Township 68 South, Range 25 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on December 10, 17, 24, 31, 1953, and January 7, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the four sales presented and confirm the same in favor of applicants, as the adjoining upland owners, at the prices offered.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On November 10, 1953, the Trustees considered application from Mr. Glenn Berry, on behalf of the County of Sarasota, for conveyance to the county of 9.8 acres of submerged land in Sections 22 and 27, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, the land to be used for public purposes only. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on December 21, 28, 1953, and January 4, 11 and 18, 1954, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells stated that the City of Sarasota has requested that there be reserved to the city a right of way of 100 feet across the said land at the approximate location of the existing road.

Mr. John Pinkerton and Mr. Doyle E. Carlton of Tampa, Florida, representing St. Armand Lido Corporation, protested sale of this land to the county on the ground that it was owned by their clients.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees defer action on Sarasota County sale, allowing time for parties protesting to establish title claimed.

Mr. Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Pan-Ed Corporation, offers \$100.00 an acre for 1.3 acres of bay bottom land adjacent to their upland property in the Straits of Florida at Key West, located in Township 68 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections only, based on the offer submitted.

Mr. C. L. Bruner submitted application for a five-year lease on 678.6 acres of land in the St. Johns River, built up through pumping material from the channel by the United States, located north of river "CUT 42", known as LeBaron Island, Long Island, Vicks Island and Alligator Island. Mr. Bruner offers \$100.00 annually for the first three years and \$200.00 annually for the last two years. The land will be used in connection with stock raising.

Mr. Wells reported that he recently received an offer of \$10.00 an acre for purchase of this land, but after examination by the Assistant Engineer a value of \$100.00 an acre was placed thereon; that he recommends the five-year lease, subject to cancellation at the end of any lease year.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize five-year lease in favor of Mr. Bruner at the price offered, conditioned that the lease may be cancelled at the end of any lease year.

The following offers were submitted from adjoining upland owners for reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Conway in Orange County, Florida:

Mr. M. J. Daetwyler—Offer of \$300.00 an acre for purchase of 3.321 acres in Sections 29 and 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East; and

Mr. H. L. Irwin—Offer of \$300.00 an acre for 0.35 of an acre in Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 30 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept offers for the land described and authorize sale to Messrs. Daetwyler and Irwin without advertisement.

Mr. Wells reported that in July of last year the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County requested that the Trustees convey to the county for park purposes the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 49 South, Range 42 East. Also, the county requested conveyed for public purposes only any bay bottom, submerged or other lands in Broward County lying south of Port Everglades and east of New River Sound in Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, and in the North 1320 feet of Section 36, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, all in Broward County. The Trustees asked that the Board of County Commissioners adopt appropriate resolutions, requesting conveyance of the parcels described stating therein the purpose for which the land would be used. These resolutions have now been adopted by the Broward County Board and submitted to the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the two areas to Broward County for public purposes only, the submerged parcels to be advertised for objections as required by law.

Action
rescinded.
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Mr. Thomas H. Horobin offers two and one-half million dollars (\$2,500,000.00) for all land necessary to build a Keys causeway running in a southerly direction from Key Biscayne to the intersection of U. S. Highway No. 1 on Key Largo, in Dade and Monroe Counties.

Attorney General Ervin made a motion that the offer be declined on the ground that this board does not have authority to sell to private purchasers for filling and causeway purposes.

The motion failed of adoption as there was no second to said motion.

Mr. Gay suggested that action on the offer be postponed for further information. Without objection the matter was postponed.

Mr. William P. Simmons, Jr., on behalf of clients, offers \$60.00 an acre for the following land in Broward County:

253 acres in Section 13; 241.25 acres in Section 23; 67.28 acres in Section 24; 263.05 acres in Section 27; 273.75 acres in Section 33;

All in Township 49 South, Range 40 East;
164.40 acres in Section 3, Township 50 South, Range 40 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$60.00 an acre; sale to be made subject to two outstanding leases, one to John Kennedy, deceased, and the other to Dr. B. F. Hart.

Vina del Mar Corp., requested reconsideration of request for right of way presented to the Trustees January 5, 1954, on behalf of the town of Pass-a-Grille Beach, Florida. At the former meeting the Trustees agreed to issue easement in favor of Pass-a-Grille Beach. Request now is that easement be granted in favor of the Corporation, which will construct the right of way and bridge running from 21st Street in Pass-a-Grille Beach on Long Key, and across to Mud Key in Pinellas County, a distance of approximately 300 feet. When construction is completed, title will be transferred, free of cost, to the Town of Pass-a-Grille Beach.

Mr. Elliot recommended that if the request is granted, the company be required to commence the work within six months and complete construction within two (2) years; that the City of Pass-a-Grille be requested to adopt a resolution requesting that the Trustees grant easement to Vina del Mar with the understanding that the right of way and bridge, when completed, will be conveyed to the city.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be authorized to work out the agreement for right of way easement with Vina del Mar Corporation along the lines recommended by him.

Discussion was had as to a resolution adopted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund June 12, 1951, at the request of the National Park Service. In view of the lapse of time since adoption of said resolution and failure of Congress to pass the necessary enabling act in 1951, or since, for expansion of Everglades National Park boundaries, it was deemed advisable to rescind said resolution.

Whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior of the United States advised the Trustees by letter dated June 7, 1951, that it was proposed to ask Congress to pass an enabling act authorizing the expansion of Everglades National Park boundaries, and in view of anticipated affirmative action by Congress to enact such a law at the Fall term of that year, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund were requested to indicate approval of the proposed boundary extension and to agree that said Trustees would make available lands held by said Trustees for park purposes without cost to the United States; and

WHEREAS the Trustees on June 12, 1951 adopted a resolution in the premises, in which it was stated "that the proposed redefined maximum boundaries of Everglades National Park, as shown on map attached to said letter of June 7, 1951, be and the same are hereby approved in so far as the interest of the State may appear, and that when said redefined boundaries shall have been adopted or authorized by the Congress

of the United States, the said Trustees will convey to the United States land held by the State between said redefined boundaries and the present Park boundaries by deed in form and character similar to those heretofore executed by said Trustees in the conveyance of Park lands to the United States." and

WHEREAS since the adoption of said resolution more than 2½ years have elapsed and there has been no action by Congress toward expanding said park boundaries, and so far as the Trustees have knowledge no such measure is now before Congress and none is now contemplated thereon; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that the resolution adopted by them as aforesaid be and the same is hereby vacated and rescinded and of no further effect as to Everglades National Park boundary extension or as to the lands held by the said Trustees affected thereby.

Mr. Elliot reported as information that numerous protests have been received by the Trustees in connection with the proposed expansion of Everglades National Park boundaries.

The Secretary was requested to file the protests as there is no request before the Trustees at this time on the subject.

Mr. Elliot reported as information that Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials has verbally withdrawn request made to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund August 21, 1951, that certain islands in the St. Johns River, Duval County, be withheld from disposition until certain dredging being done at that time could be completed and determination made as to whether these areas would be needed by the Park Board. The Federal Government has completed its work in that area and the Park Service will not need the islands for park purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize payment to Shawano Drainage District of \$49.50, representing one-half of maintenance costs of levees of Shawano Drainage District, on the north side of Sections 19, 20, 21 and west side of Section 15, Township 45 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County, as agreed to by contract dated July 23, 1952 between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the said District; also that the Trustees agree to pay one-half the cost of an estimated \$1326.21 to be incurred for maintenance and upkeep during 1954 on the said levees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment of the following salaries and necessary expenses:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary.....	\$ 875.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer.....	525.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor.....	450.00
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant.....	400.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk.....	458.33
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk.....	400.00
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer.....	291.67
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent.....	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent.....	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid.....	27.50
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To Prin. State School Fund.....	19,071.32
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State Board Conservation.....	8,693.02
Transfer to General Revenue.....	6,540.58
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. For State Board Education School Bonds, Series A, 6-1-53.....	403,462.80
Shawano Drainage District, Belle Glade, Fla. For Levee maintenance.....	49.50
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Transfer to State Road License Fund Control amount erroneously deposited to Trustee's ac- count	746.00
C. M. Gay—For travel vouchers by W. R. Culbreath and Fred M. Burns.....	300.70
John D. Moriarty—Expenses to Key West.....	37.70
W. R. Culbreath—Expenses to Miami.....	22.11
A. R. Williams—Expenses to Jacksonville.....	15.99
City of Belle Glade—Refund Deed 19857.....	680.00
M. J. Carroll, Orlando, Fla.—Refund Deed 20493..	1,082.10
Refunds of overpayments for land caused by up- land owners estimating acreage incorrectly:	
Harry A. Merickel & Myrtle C. Merickel.....	50.00
Rudolph W. Birdsell, Jr., & Helen C. Birdsell..	654.00
Doris D. Benson & P. Bruce Benson.....	350.00
John H. Kohler & Ernestine D. Kohler.....	220.00
Elbert G. Sutcliffe & Edith M. Sutcliffe.....	170.00
Elbert G. Sutcliffe.....	100.00
Carl F. Kohler & Benona J. Kohler.....	100.00
Frank D. Horan & Wilhelmina M. Horan.....	330.00
Reuben P. Adams & Constance B. Adams....	250.00
Marguis Bowman.....	250.00
J. J. Deane & Kathryn V. Deane.....	100.00
Vera D. Hammer.....	120.00
W. L. Robertson & Jessie L. Robertson.....	130.00
Madlen Marvin	60.00
Lillian T. Couch.....	380.00

Delwin J. Link & Adele Link.....	100.00
Addie E. Spurge.....	180.00
Clyde K. Hall & Lucille O. Hall.....	170.00
Daniel H. Wallace & Mary L. Wallace.....	230.00
William R. Battison.....	340.00
Mary Fox Reutlinger.....	210.00
Carl W. Hoffman & Marjorie B. Hoffman.....	110.00
William Paul Martin.....	320.00
Florence S. Hamlin.....	70.00
M. K. Patton & Elsie T. Patton.....	200.00
Percival B. Slater.....	220.00
Elmer L. Torstonson & Madge M. Torstonson..	110.00
Harry C. Bosch & Marjorie S. Bosch.....	100.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	83.85
Burroughs Corp., Decatur, Ga.....	30.70
Thomas J. Kelly, Sheriff Dade County For service notices.....	6.80
Review Printing Co., Miami, Fla.....	25.30
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla...	11.34
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla...	32.00
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla....	42.08
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.....	7.70
John F. Kirk, Sheriff Palm Beach County.....	2.90
Fitzgerald and Wallace, Miami, Fla. Services re case State Board Education vs. Southern Drainage District.....	25.00
The Dade City Banner, Dade City, Fla. Advertising land sale.....	15.33
Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Sarasota, Fla. Advertising land sale.....	23.00
Marchant Calculators, Inc., Oakland, Calif.....	36.00
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.....	50.00
TOTAL.....	\$450,420.32

Financial Statements for month of December, 1953, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of December 1, 1953.....	\$452,601.11
Receipts for the Month:	
Land Sales Gross.....	\$41,648.69
Less Returned Check 1,000.00	

Land Sales—Net.....	\$ 40,648.69
Refund on Eastern Air Lines ticket..	3.75
Refund of Expenses U. S. Court of Appeals, New Orleans.....	9.00
Sale of Fill Material, Biscayne Bay..	1,099.80
Interest on Contracts.....	50.06

Refund of Drainage Tax.....	225.35
Quitclaim Deeds	35.00
Sale of Certified Copy of Trustees Minutes	6.00
Interest from 100 U. S. Treasury	
Bonds	12,500.00
Oil Leases.....	41,974.26
Grazing Leases	115.00
Sand & Shell Leases.....	4,455.55
Mineral Leases.....	125.00
Miscellaneous Leases.....	427.00
Campsites Lease.....	30.00
Timber Leases.....	207.85
Farm Lease.....	5,863.48
Total Receipts for the Month.....	107,775.79
GRAND TOTAL.....	560,376.90
Less Disbursements for the Month.....	28,677.51
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1953.....	531,699.39

DISBURSEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1953

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
12- 3-53	136513	W. R. Culbreath.....	\$ 14.11
12- 4-53	137945	Fred M. Burns.....	49.19
12-10-53	144599	W. R. Culbreath.....	13.12
	144600	Standard Oil Co.....	6.68
	144601	Shell Oil Co.....	6.94
	144602	Western Union Telegraph Co...	1.35
	144603	E. B. Leatherman, CCC.....	12.50
	144604	Wyatt's Business Machines....	3.00
	144605	Dell Hart Typewriter Co.....	3.00
	144606	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.....	9.80
	145181	W. R. Culbreath.....	19.24
12-17-53	152169	John T. Pickett.....	369.00
	152170	Bishop-Wilson Lumber Co.....	421.36
	152171	Prewitt & Nall.....	92.40
12-21-53	153546	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Transfer to State School Fund	13,994.49
	153547	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Transfer to State Board Conservation	9,811.83
	154686	C. M. Gay, Comptroller.....	10.00
12-29-53	159277	Frances Thigpen.....	26.25
	159278	Capital Office Equipment Co....	.45
	159279	The Key West Citizen.....	16.87
	159280	DeLand Sun News.....	17.25
12-31-53	150222	F. C. Elliot.....	700.95
	150223	A. R. Williams.....	412.25
	150224	A. C. Bridges.....	344.13
	150225	J. B. Linn.....	346.65
	150226	M. O. Barco.....	353.81
	150227	J. L. Dedge.....	326.40

150228	B. G. Shelfer.....	222.41
150229	Sinclair Wells	213.75
150230	C. M. Greene.....	47.50
150231	R. N. Landers.....	26.13
150232	Blue Cross of Florida.....	23.15
150233	Southern States Life Ins. Co....	17.55
150234	5% Retirement Fund.....	165.12
150235	Federal Tax	502.70
12-10-53 144607	Southeastern Telephone Co.....	76.18
	Total Disbursements for December, 1953.....	\$ 28,677.51

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of December 1, 1953.....	\$ 250.00
Receipts	—0—
Disbursements	—0—
Balance as of December 31, 1953.....	\$ 250.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

Dec. 10, 1953.....\$ 1,260.45

Disbursements from General Revenue:

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
12-31-53	147191	Ernest Hewitt	\$ 344.94
	147192	M. C. Pichard.....	255.46
	147193	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	7.75
	147194	5% Retirement Fund.....	20.54
	147195	Federal Tax	73.80
		Total Disbursements for December, 1953.....	\$ 702.49

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Baker	1-6-54	1
Charlotte	12-7-53	2
Hardee	8-3-53	1
Hillsborough	1-12-54	4
Lake	1-11-54	10
Volusia	1-4-54	8

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve issuance of Hillsborough County Deed No. 08-Chap. 21684-Suppl-Cor. in favor of Southwest Tampa Storm Sewer Drainage District, for the purpose of correcting part of the description in original deed.

Application was presented from the Estate of John Alexander Williams for deed under the provisions of Chapter 28317 of 1953, which authorizes conveyance to former owner, or person holding title through him, without advertisement and public sale. The parcel applied for comprises a narrow strip located between the Dixie Highway in St. Lucie County and the Indian River. Applicant offers \$25.00 for the parcel.

Mr. Elliot recommends that sale of the strip be not made as that outside of the right of way for the road will be so small as to be of little use and should be retained by the State for future road needs.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline to convey the parcel of land applied for by the Williams Estate.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment of the following salaries:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper.....	\$410.83
M. C. Pichard, Secretary-Clerk.....	291.66
TOTAL.....	\$702.49

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

February 2, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated January 12 and 19, 1954, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells reported that the following described lands are advertised for sale this date:

COLLIER COUNTY—On December 15, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 an acre from Mrs. Augusta Furman for purchase of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 30, Township 46 South, Range 29 East, containing 40 acres, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 51 South, Range 32 East, containing 40 acres. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, with a starting offer of \$10.00 an acre, and notice of the sale was published in the Collier County News, Naples, Florida, on January 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$17.50 an acre being made by Mr. T. H. Maloney.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$17.50 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Maloney.

POLK COUNTY—On December 15, 1953, the Trustees agreed to readvertise for competitive bids the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 27 South, Range 25 East, containing 40 acres, for which Mr. Ray Clements had offered \$15.00 an acre. Notice of sale was published in the Polk County Democrat, Bartow, Florida, on January 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$16.00 an acre from Mr. Clements.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$16.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Clements.

PALM BEACH COUNTY—On December 15, 1953, the Trustees ordered readvertised for objections only two parcels of land heretofore advertised by erroneous description furnished by applicant's engineer. Original offer for the land from Mr. R. C. Alley, on behalf of Bessemer Properties, Inc., was \$500.00 an acre and included Parcel No. 1—0.564 of an acre of submerged land, and Parcel No. 2—0.271 of an

acre of submerged land, all in Sections 10 and 15, Township 44 South, Range 43 East. Notice of the sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on January 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Bessemer Properties, Incorporated, and authorize issuance of deed to correct error in description of the two parcels as given in original Deed No. 19918 dated November 11, 1951.

MONROE COUNTY—On December 15, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Mr. John D. Day, for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land in the Straits of Florida adjacent to Day Subdivision, a subdivision in Government Lot 1, Section 11, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, containing 8 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Day at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On December 15, 1954, the Trustees considered application from Mr. Paul Sawyer, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, for conveyance to the county of 0.33 of an acre of submerged land in Section 35, Township 67 South, Range 25 East. The Trustees agreed to convey the parcel for public purposes only, subject to the land being advertised for objections only, as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that objections have been filed by property owners on Stock Island.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees withhold action on said sale until objections can be worked out by the Land Agent.

Mr. Lincoln C. Bogue, on behalf of Mrs. Gladys Francis, applied to purchase 1.02 acres of submerged land abutting her property in Jungle Shores Subdivision, Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections only at a price of \$250.00 an acre.

Colonel Gilbert A. Youngberg, on behalf of Florida Inland Navigation District, applied for perpetual spoil disposal easement grant covering certain areas in the open waters of Lake Worth, located in Sections 8 and 9, Township 42 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of Florida Inland Navigation District as requested.

Mr. Stephen C. O'Connell, on behalf of Michael Rode, or his heirs, executors, administrators or personal representatives, made application for quitclaim deed to any right, title or interest the Trustees have or claim to Tract 1 of Tier 20, Newman's Survey, Sections 13 and 14, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of quitclaim deed to Mr. Rode and heirs, the state having no title to the land.

Mr. William M. Zilbersher, Geologist and Field Engineer for Crane Company of Chicago, Illinois, made application for a mineral lease on the following described areas:

All submerged areas to mean high water mark of East Bay, St. Andrews Bay, St. Andrews Sound, North Bay, West Bay, Choctawhatchee Bay, Powell Lake, Western Lake and all other lakes under state jurisdiction; all ocean beaches to the mean high water mark, and all of Sections 16 and 36, insofar as the mineral rights are held by the State of Florida, in or

on the following described lands, to-wit:

IN BAY COUNTY

Townships 4, 5 and 6 South, Range 12 West;
 Townships 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 South, Range 13 West;
 Townships 2, 3, 4 and 5 South, Range 14 West;
 Townships 2, 3 and 4 South, Range 16 West; and
 Townships 2 and 3 South, Range 17 West

IN WALTON COUNTY

Township 3 South, Range 18 West;

Townships 1, 2 and 3 South, Range 19 West;
Townships 1, 2 and 3 South, Range 20 West; and
Townships 1 and 2 South, Range 21 West.

Applicant offers \$1.00 per long ton for all minerals removed and agrees to pay a minimum monthly royalty of \$25.00 for the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of Crane Company under the usual provisions at the price offered.

Mr. W. J. Field, on behalf of Westbury Corporation, John S. Phipps and John H. Phipps, makes application for one-year extension from February 27, 1954, of Grazing Lease No. 302 covering land on Lake Jackson in Leon County, located in Township 1 North, Range 1 West, and in Township 2 North, Range 1 West, for which they offer \$150.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize extension of one year on Lease No. 302 under the same conditions.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize payment of \$50.60 to the Key West Citizen, and \$212.80 to the Miami Herald, for advertisements in connection with Dade and Monroe County Causeway recently applied for by Mr. Thomas H. Horobin, and if in the future the land should be sold, purchaser will reimburse the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Mr. J. Mark Wilcox, representing the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County, acting in their capacity as Dade County Port Authority, that the Trustees release the oil and mineral reservations and State Road Right of Way reservation involving land in Sections 11 and 12, Township 57 South, Range 39 East, Dade County (title to all of which land originated in the State of Florida). Release of the reservations is requested for the reason that Dade County has an agreement with the United States to deed said property, known as Homestead Air Force Base, to the Federal Government and the transfer cannot be completed until reservations are removed.

Mr. Elliot explained that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund do not have authority to release the oil and mineral reservations as requested by Dade County, but suggested issuance of Non-Use Commitment, which has been used in similar cases.

Attorney General Ervin reported that he has examined the form of Non-Use Commitment as suggested by Mr. Elliot and recommends execution of such instrument in favor of the United States.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of Non-Use Commitment

in favor of the United States, agreeing not to exercise the rights set forth in said reservation, beginning with the date the United States takes title to the land and continuing thereon so long as said title remains in said United States.

At the request of Mr. Lamar Johnson, the Trustees on October 20, 1953, authorized issuance of Non-Use Commitment to the City of Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, Florida, agreeing that said Trustees will not exercise the rights set forth in a certain reservation to explore for and to mine and develop the said land for oil or other minerals, beginning with the date on which the City of Lake Worth takes title and continuing so long as title remains in said city. Issuance of the instrument was conditioned upon approval by the Attorney General.

Attorney General Ervin verbally approved issuance of the Non-Use Commitment as prepared by Mr. Elliot, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that Non-Use Commitment in favor of the City of Lake Worth be executed covering oil and mineral reservation contained in Deed No. 29-P-97 dated August 6, 1946 in favor of Lamar Johnson.

Mrs. Henry Daniels of Palm Beach, Florida, submits an offer of \$750.00 for purchase of the North 660 feet of Government Lot 8 (Less E. 1067.5 feet) of Section 4, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, containing 9 acres in Palm Beach County.

Mr. Elliot explained that title to this parcel came to the Trustees through settlement with Everglades Drainage District under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931; that Mrs. Daniels is the former owner of the land and lost title under Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificate prior to 1931. It was recommended that the offer be accepted in view of the circumstances.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$750.00 from Mrs. Daniels and authorize issuance of deed in her favor.

Request was presented from Mr. Rufus King that the Trustees approve issuance of deed by the County of Escambia to land covered by his Homestead Entry No. 11-C, 20 acres in Joe Pol Grant, Section 37, Township 2 South, Range 31 West.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve issuance by Escambia County of deed in favor of Mr. King covering the land under his homestead entry, all requirements of the law having been complied with.

Mr. Elliot presented the following report affecting Franklin County land recently authorized conveyed to Mr. C. C. Land and Mr. Jay A.

Shuler of Apalachicola, Florida. Mr. Elliot stated that there is litigation between interested parties, not involving the state; however, by reason of title to certain tidal salt marsh lands, the state might be involved.

January 25, 1954

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund
Capitol Building, Tallahassee, Florida

Re: Survey of Tidal Salt Marsh Lands Bordering
Upland in Certain Sections of Townships
7 and 8, South, Ranges 6 and 7 West,
Franklin County, Florida.
Survey by J. W. Cook in 1952.
Licensed Land Surveyor in Florida.

Dear Sirs:

It appears desirable to report to the Trustees on the survey for the reason that title to the upland is not in the state, while title to the bordering tidal salt marsh is, and because question has arisen affecting certain conveyances by private persons affecting the whole.

In the beginning of the survey, F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer of Florida, in the employ of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as Engineer and Secretary to said Trustees, went over the work on the ground with Mr. Cook and explained to him the determination of what comprises salt marsh and the method of finding the boundary between salt marsh and upland and between salt marsh and fresh water marsh.

Title to tidal salt marsh and submerged bottoms below the line of ordinary high tide is in the state by right of its sovereignty, unless by it divested. Title to the upland and fresh water marsh in the areas in question is in private parties.

In level terrain such as is commonly encountered in areas bordering bays, lagoons and tidal creeks, it is often difficult, for absence of discernible water line mark on the ground, to determine the line of separation between salt marsh and upland and salt marsh and fresh water marsh. In but few places in the lands here considered is there a well defined shore line or tidal escarpment indicating where land and tide meet. Nearly all is low lying upland, having imperceptible slope, or fresh water mark merging into tidal salt marsh. Here the best indications of where the tidal marsh meets either upland or fresh water marsh is the character of vegetation growing on the land.

Predominant salt marsh growth is what is commonly called salt marsh grass. It is quite distinctive and usually crowds out all other vegetation. Fresh water marsh contains distinctive

fresh water growth, such as saw grass, cat tail, button wood, swamp myrtle, bay, taitai, cabbage palmetto, and others.

Where two different land classifications meet is theoretically a dividing line, but practically this theoretical line is rather a ribbon or zone within which one merges into the other and separation of the two takes place.

It was recommended to the surveyor that he run his line within the zone of separation, as nearly as practicable, but where there was uncertainty to give the upland the benefit of the doubt, such as in the upper reaches of Salt Creek and the bayou or small body of water at its head. That the creek and bayou is salty or brackish is not considered by itself sufficient to prove that the bordering marsh is permanently salt marsh.

Examination of the surveyor's map and comparison of the same with topographic maps of the area by the United States Geological Survey discloses that the two are in close agreement in comparable locations. In certain other locations where fresh water and salt water marsh areas merge, not differentiated by the topographic map, the location of separation lines recommended on the ground to the surveyor has been followed.

Accompanying F. C. Elliot in the field examinations were Fred Burns, Assistant Attorney General, and A. Rees Williams, Assistant Engineer for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. J. W. Cook, surveyor, and J. R. Sealey were also present in making the examination of the area. In my judgment, the survey is adequate for all practical purposes to determine correctly the landward boundary of the tidal salt marsh and their respective areas in each section.

The foregoing is set forth without request or knowledge of any of the interested parties. Its sole purpose is to disclose the method used in separating the salt marsh from upland and from fresh water marsh. It is intended to be without prejudice to whatever question may arise among interested parties concerning said land.

Respectfully,
F. C. ELLIOT
Engineer and Secretary

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Haskins and Bryant, attorneys of Sebring, Florida, on behalf of Mr. Roscoe Bass, request that the Trustees execute quitclaim deed in favor of Mr. Bass to the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 33 South, Range 29 East, Highlands County, containing 160 acres.

Mr. Elliot explained that this land was in litigation and the Court held against the Trustees. The Attorney General recommends issu-

ance of quitclaim deed in order that Mr. Bass may have a recordable instrument indicating origin of title.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of quitclaim deed to the land described as recommended by the Attorney General.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize payment of expense incurred by the Attorney General's office in connection with the Tidelands cases affecting the State of Florida.

Attention was called to proposed sale of Broward County land, applied for by Mr. William P. Simmons, Jr., and ordered advertised January 19, 1954. Subsequently it was found that Section 24, Township 49 South, Range 40 East, contained 614.55 acres instead of 67.28 as applied for by Mr. Simmons. Mr. Simmons was contacted and his request is that the additional acreage be advertised also, based on the price offered for the other parcels. Authority is requested to advertise the additional acreage.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the land in Section 24 with the increased acreage as requested by Mr. Simmons.

The Trustees gave notice through the Dade County newspapers that on this date any interested parties might be heard with reference to proposed lease from the City of Miami to H. A. Beyster and Associates for an area on Watson Park along MacArthur Causeway, the area desired containing approximately twenty-eight (28) acres. The parcel proposed to be leased is included in deed from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the City of Miami, carrying the restriction that the land be used for public purposes only.

Copy of Resolution from the City of Miami, Florida, dated September 16, 1953, was filed with the Trustees, by which resolution the City Clerk was authorized to execute, on behalf of the city, an option agreement with H. E. Beyster & Associates, Inc., to lease approximately 28 acres of land on McArthur Causeway; copy of option agreement and proposed lease agreement also filed with Trustees.

Mr. W. R. Fokes, of the law firm of Choate and Sinclair, Miami, Florida, representing H. E. Beyster and Associates, Inc., was present and urged that the Trustees approve lease from the City of Miami to his client. He pointed out the benefits which the city would receive from the construction of Science City at an estimated cost of six million dollars, annual lease payments to the city of \$150,000.00 (\$50,000.00 of which will be used for maintenance and upkeep), the property to be turned over to the city free of cost at the end of the 20-year lease period.

Those present opposing approval by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the lease from the city to H. E. Beyster and Associates are Mr. William T. Kruglak, president of Palm-Hibiscus-Star Islands Property Owners Association, and Mr. Jack Wirt of the Miami Yacht Club.

In addition to verbal protests, letter was received from Mayor Abe Aronovitz objecting to the lease; also, letters from Messrs. E. Buhler, Thomas J. Mew, and Stephen A. Lynch, Jr., all protesting the lease on the ground that the development would not be for a public purpose, would violate the terms of the deed to the city, would probably mean the cancellation of leases now in effect with Miami Yacht Club, which is for the public, and several other agencies of a semi-public nature.

All parties present were given opportunity to be heard and questions by the members of the Trustees were asked as to the proposed project and objections thereto.

Attorney General Ervin expresses the view that he did not think the applicant or the city has shown that the proposed project is not of a private nature, and that the Trustees in order to be consistent with their policy and former decisions would certainly have to decline the application; that there is disagreement in the City Commission as to the advisability of going into the lease, the Mayor being of the opinion that to do so would violate the deed from the state.

State Treasurer Larson read from a letter he received from former City Commissioner Gardner who opposed the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees postpone action on the request for approval of lease from the City of Miami to H. E. Beyster and Associates.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for the sale of land under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Alachua	12-16-53	5
Alachua	12-24-53	2
Duval	11-6-53	3
Liberty	12-9-53	1
St. Johns	11-17-53	2
Taylor	1-16-54	1
Volusia	12-7-53	7

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Two applications were presented for correction of errors in original

deeds conveying land in Dade and Pinellas Counties. The Attorney General's office has recommended the issuance of correction deeds as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for correcting errors in original deeds:

Dade County Deed No. 627-Cor. to Albert T. Clark and wife, to correct name of grantee in Deed No. 627 dated December 9, 1940, in favor of Indian River Farms Co., which company was dissolved prior to delivery of deed;

Pineallas County Deed No. 2592-Cor. to Roy LaBrant, Edward G. Lewis, Ruth L. Hays, Donald LaBrant, heirs of Lillian LaBrant, deceased at time original deed No. 2592 dated April 9, 1945, was issued.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve execution of Hillsborough County Deed No. 624-Duplicate to Edna Gray Fonyo in lieu of Deed No. 624 dated December 9, 1940 to same grantee, report having been made that original deed was lost before being recorded.

Mr. W. B. Tilton of Jensen Beach, Florida, on behalf of his clients, Samuel N. Rhodes and the Estate of John Alexander Williams, requested that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reconsider action taken January 19, 1954, on application of the Williams Estate for conveyance of land in St. Lucie County located East of Alta Vista S/D in Section 4, Township 37 South, Range 41 East.

Mr. Tilton stated that the Williams Estate has owned this land and paid taxes thereon for twenty-five years and only recently discovered that this old certificate was out against it; that the attorneys cannot determine what land the certificate covers as it is an old boom-time plat and the land has since been replatted. The Williams Estate, as former owner, requests conveyance of the land under provisions of Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953, which permits sale to former owner without advertisement and public sale. The State Road Department has agreed to release all of the reservation for state highway purposes except a strip of land fifty (50) feet wide each side of the centerline of State Road 707. Mr. Rhodes has made all arrangements to purchase the land owned by the Williams Estate but will not buy unless he can also get the strip between the highway and the Indian River; that he wants riparian rights in order to construct a dock out into the river.

Mr. Elliot suggested an alternative plan, provided the State Road Department would be agreeable to allowing 33 feet of right of way taken from the side of the road next to the subdivision lots and 67 feet on the river side, which would prevent invading the lots as they stand now. Mr. Tilton stated that such arrangement would be satisfactory.

The Trustees agreed to convey, upon application and completion of those things necessary under Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953, such of the land located between the Dixie Highway and the Indian River as could be eliminated through approval of the State Road Department from its right of way 100 feet each side of the center line of said road.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be requested to work out a plan with the State Road Department and representatives of the Williams Estate to accomplish the above as far as practical, and to advise the applicant of what could be effected.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for borrow pit easement in St. Lucie County involving lots in Regina Palms Subdivision. The parcel is desired in connection with State Road No. 5—Sec. 9401-205—SRD No. 109.

It was recommended that the request be not granted as the easement would be detrimental to a large number of lots sold into private ownership as well as a considerable area still held by the state in that subdivision.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline to grant the easement as requested.

Coates Field Service, Inc., representing Florida Power Corporation, applied for easement across the northwest portion of Lot 1, Block 3, Town of Wilmarth, Section 27, Township 4 South, Range 12 East, Suwannee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of Florida Power Corporation for transmission line purposes across the land described upon payment of \$5.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain tax sale certificates involving land in Okaloosa and Wakulla Counties, the Attorney General's office having approved such action on the ground that said certificates vested no title in the state under Chapter 18296.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor - Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

February 23, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated February 2, 1954, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells reported that on December 29, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. John F. Burkett, Jr., on behalf of a group of clients from Nokomis, Florida, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Roberts Bay in Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, lying southeast of Enchanted Isles Subdivision, containing 3.09 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on January 15, 22, 29, February 5 and 12, 1954, with sale to be held February 16, 1954. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date of sale and no objections were filed to the sale. However, a quorum of the Trustees was not present February 16, and action on the sale was postponed until this date.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land in favor of clients of Mr. Burkett at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

Mr. Neil B. Barnum, on behalf of Mr. Harry A. Hoffner, offers \$300.00 an acre for purchase of 0.177 of an acre of lake bottom land on Lake Conway, adjacent to Lots 31 to 34, Block F of Venetian Gardens Subdivision, in Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County, owned by him.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$300.00 an acre from Mr. Hoffner

for the lake bottom land and authorize conveyance without advertisement.

Mr. Walter Schubert, on behalf of Mrs. Gertrude E. Cassidy, offers \$300.00 an acre for 0.163 of an acre of lake bottom land on Lake Conway, adjacent to her upland property in Section 29, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$300.00 an acre from Mrs. Cassidy and authorize conveyance of the land applied for without advertising.

The following offers were received for purchase of submerged land in Palm Beach County by the adjacent upland owners:

1. Norman C. Schmid, on behalf of Elizabeth D. Hansen, applies for 0.38 of an acre of land adjacent to her upland property in Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 43 East. Recommended price \$500.00 an acre;
2. George S. Brockway, on behalf of Neil DuBois, offers \$100.00 an acre for 2 acres of submerged land in the Loxahatchee River at Jupiter, in Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 43 East, lying in front of upland property of Mr. DuBois.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land applied for, subject to objections only, as required by law, based on the price of \$500.00 an acre from Mrs. Hansen and \$100.00 an acre from Mr. DuBois.

Mr. T. W. Conely, Jr., submitted an offer of \$25.00 on behalf of Mrs. Almeda Mason for Lot 10, Block 18, South Okeechobee, Section 21, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County. It was explained that through error Mrs. Mason's house had been constructed partly on the lot owned by the State, and that it would be a hardship for her to have to enter competitive bidding for the lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to Mrs. Mason at the price offered and without advertisement for bids.

Mr. Joe Kelleher, on behalf of Michael Lewin, offers \$10.00 an acre for purchase of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 42 South, Range 29 East, Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids starting at \$10.00 an acre.

Mr. Donald Sessions, on behalf of Mr. John R. Parkinson, offers \$15.00 an acre for purchase of Lot 1, Section 6, Township 15 South, Range 28 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids starting at \$15.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells reported that on January 19, 1954, the Trustees agreed to convey to Broward County for public purposes, any bay bottom, submerged or other lands in Broward County lying South of Port Everglades and east of New River Sound in Section 25; and in the North 1320 feet of Section 36, Township 50 South, Range 42 East; the land to be advertised for objections only. Later investigation revealed that adjacent property owners may have some rights in connection with these lands and it is recommended that the Trustees withhold proceeding under former action of January 19.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees rescind action taken January 19, 1954, agreeing to convey to Broward County the submerged and other areas referred to by Mr. Wells, in order that rights of adjacent owners may be determined.

Mr. Julius F. Parker offered \$45.00 an acre for 678.6 acres, more or less, of marsh land in Township 1 South, Range 28 East, Duval County.

Mr. Wells reported that the Trustees on January 19, 1954, agreed to lease this area to Mr. C. L. Bruner but the transaction has not been completed and that it is satisfactory with Mr. Bruner to hold up delivery of the lease pending outcome of the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the tract for competitive bids, and withhold delivery of the lease pending determination as to sale of the land.

Mr. John A. Benton, president of Fort Myers Shell Company, makes application for one-year extension on Shell Lease No. 885 from January 7, 1954. The lease covers all land lying under the waters known as Old Tampa Bay in the general vicinity of Davis Causeway and Oldsmar.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of the lease for one year, under the same terms and conditions, except that the charge for material shall be ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard which is the price charged in that area.

Mr. John M. Allison, on behalf of Davison Chemical Corporation, makes application for permission from the Trustees to explore the bottom of Banana Lake in Polk County, containing approximately 350 acres, and located in Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10, Township 29 South, Range

24 East, to determine whether phosphate rock is present in sufficient quantity to justify mining operations; that if explorations result favorably they desire a lease or contract that will merge into a definite lease, with payments based on the following schedule:

<i>Bone Phosphate of Lime Percentage</i>	<i>Rate Per Long Ton Weight</i>
68.0	\$00.00
68.0 - 71.90 .....	.05
72.0 - 72.49 .....	.08
72.5 - 73.99 .....	.15
74.0 - 75.99 .....	.25
76.0 and over .....	.30

Applicants make an alternative proposal that in the event exploration develops that mining of the lake bottom is not profitable, then they request permission to construct a dam at such point or points as the company may find rock on privately owned bottoms, such dam to be constructed so that mining of privately owned bottoms can be conducted to the 1850 survey line shown on map attached to the application.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the lease for objections only based on the proposal submitted, with exploration period to be for one year.

Mr. Elliot reported that lists of state owned land located within Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District are ready for certifying to the tax assessors of the several counties, and that it is in order to adopt the proper resolution to accompany such lists.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida that pursuant to Section 30 of Chapter 25209, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1949, being Section 378.30 Florida Statutes, 1951, the said Trustees hereby certify to the Tax Assessor of each county having land within Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District a list of lands held by said Trustees in said county, which lie within said Flood Control District, for the assessment thereon of said Flood Control District taxes.

The Secretary was requested to certify the lists as provided by Law.

Coastal Petroleum Company, represented by Mr. Julius F. Parker, requests permission from the Trustees for its contractor, Lafayette Exploration Company, to begin seismograph exploration for oil on Lake Okeechobee, which is covered by Lease No. 248 to Coastal Petroleum Company. It was explained that the operations will be pri-

marily to determine if gas, oil or other minerals of commercial value may be found in that region; that maximum charges will be forty (40) pounds per shot at grid base 1000 feet apart per square mile to be set off in water, or if required to be about ten (10) feet below bottom of the lake.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant the request from Coastal, subject to the approval by the Conservation Department of the State as to location of shots and size of charge.

Coastal Petroleum Company, represented by Mr. Julius F. Parker, requests that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund consent to the assignment by Coastal to Sinclair Oil and Gas Company of fifty (50) percent undivided interest in Oil Lease No. 364 held by Coastal. Mr. Parker advises that an assignment approved in favor of Humble Oil & Refining Company October 11, 1949, assigning 4,480 acres out of Lease No. 364, was never completed and the acreage unassigned as of this date is 115,840 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve assignment to Sinclair Oil and Gas Company as requested by Coastal Petroleum Company—50 percent undivided interest.

Mr. A. J. Strickland of Deerfield, Florida, has furnished information that he has complied with all the terms and conditions of his Homestead Entry No. 17-TIIF, dated February 13, 1951, and requests conveyance to him of land covered by said entry—Tracts 39 and 40, N½ of Tracts 41, 42 and 43, Section 35, Township 47 South, Range 42 East, containing 35 acres in Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of deed in favor of Mr. Strickland for conveying the land covered by his entry.

The Secretary requested that the Trustees withdraw authorization of October 6, 1953, for refund in amount of \$1870.00 in favor of Mr. John W. Weatherford, account of overpayment for right of way eliminated from State Deed No. 19444, involving Sections 14, 15, 22, 26, 27, 28, 34 and 35, Township 46 South, Range 34 East, Hendry County. Mr. Elliot explained that readjustments have since been made by which refund is reduced to \$466.74.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees withdraw authorization of October 6, 1953, and authorize refund of \$466.74 in favor of Mr. Weatherford.

In connection with elimination of right of way from Deed No. 19444 to Mr. John W. Weatherford, in foregoing paragraph, it was recom-

mended that right of way easement be granted in favor of Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District to the parcel withdrawn from Deed No. 19444.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District covering the West 300 feet of Section 28, Township 46 South, Range 34 East, Hendry County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant extension of thirty (30) days for the Attorney General's office to complete examination and report in connection with the T. S. Pridemore case involving Broward County land.

Letter was presented from the Director of Florida State Civil Defense, giving notice of a meeting to be held in Jacksonville on March 5, 1954, and inviting a representative from the Internal Improvement Fund to be present.

Mr. Elliot having advised that he would be unable to attend, he was requested to so notify the Civil Defense Director.

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to action taken December 15, 1953, there has been purchased State Board of Education School Bonds, Series A, in the principal sum of \$400,000.00 bearing interest at 2.60 percent, except Hillsborough which is 2.50 percent, for which a total of \$402,329.57 was paid, including principal and interest thereon to date of delivery—January 11, 1954. The said bonds are numbered as follows and are deposited with the State Treasurer as custodian thereof for account of Trustees Internal Improvement Fund:

BROWARD COUNTY—Nos. 1291 to 1309 inclusive—19 bonds
Dated June 1953—Due June 1, 1968
Purchase price—\$19,113.63

LAKE COUNTY—Nos. 816 to 890 inclusive—75 bonds
Dated June 1953—Due June 1, 1968
Purchase price—\$75,448.54

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY—Nos. 2101 to 2250 inclusive,
and 2270 to 2320 inclusive—201 bonds
Dated June 1953—Due June 1, 1967
Purchase price—\$202,139.45

VOLUSIA COUNTY—Nos. 1081 to 1185 inclusive—105 bonds
Dated June 1953—Due June 1, 1968
Purchase price—\$105,627.95

Mr. Elliot also reported that the total negotiable securities held as investment by the Trustees amount to \$2,241,000.00 on this date with

annual interest amounting to approximately \$58,529.00. Interest received from said securities is sufficient to pay all operating expenses of said Trustees.

Mr. Elliot presented two resolutions, one from the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County and the other from the Lions Club of the City of Everglades, Collier County, protesting action taken by the Trustees January 19, 1954, rescinding former resolution of June 12, 1951, having reference to proposed expansion of Everglades National Park.

Also, two letters were presented, one from Mr. Ivar Axelson and one from Mr. Keith Sullivan, approving the action taken by the Trustees in rescinding the said resolution and protesting any expansion of the boundaries of Everglades National Park.

The resolutions and letters were ordered filed.

Mr. Grant Stockdale, County Commissioner of Dade County, requested on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners conveyance of approximately 490 acres of marshy area in the south three-quarters of Section 22, Township 56 South, Range 40 East, Dade County, to be used as a city dump. Mr. Stockdale explained the plan substantially as follows. Recently the county applied to lease approximately 250 acres of this area, but they abandoned that idea and now request conveyance of a larger area as it will be necessary to put in permanent improvements and permanent buildings which will run into \$100,000.00 to \$125,000.00. The county plans to carry on its mosquito control program on a part of this area by using part of its allocation of money for that purpose; the land will be filled in and raised about five feet and finished off with a good ground cover, thus eliminating the mosquito menace and building up good ground that can probably be used later on as park sites. There are no private land owners nearer than two and one-half (2½) miles, the nearest being Mr. J. Lamar Paxon who does not have any objection to use of the land as a garbage dump. No riparian owners would be affected and there would be no pollution of water.

After full discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees go on record as favoring the request, subject to the details being worked out by Mr. Elliot and Mr. Wells as to the area to be conveyed and report their recommendations to the board; also that the rights of any upland owners be cleared and upon agreement being reached, that the land be advertised for objections only.

Mr. Larson reported that on his recent trip to Washington, he had conferences with Senators Holland and Smathers in reference to the resolution adopted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on January 19, 1954, by which there was rescinded a former resolution

of June 12, 1951, having reference to expansion of Everglades National Park boundaries; that he thinks Senator Holland would like to have a meeting with the Trustees and have representatives of the Interior Department present in order to reappraise the situation; that from newspaper articles he feels sure there is considerable misunderstanding on the part of the Washington delegation and Federal authorities as to the action of the Trustees in rescinding the 1951 resolution; that they are especially concerned with reference to the area referred to as the northwest gate in the Collier County section of the park. The Collier interests deeded to the Trustees, for inclusion within the park boundaries, a considerable area of land, and they are very anxious that the northwest entrance into the park be established; they are very much upset over the action of the Trustees and have taken the matter up with Senator Holland.

Attorney General Ervin remarked, in substance, that the action taken by the Trustees was simply to hold in abeyance the whole matter until it could be determined whether or not Congress was going to take any action; that over two years have elapsed since the resolution was adopted in 1951 and Congress has taken no action; that the resolution of 1951 was adopted on the assumption that action would be taken by Congress during 1951 session. That was not done and it is not the policy of the Trustees that a resolution or agreement of that kind be kept open in perpetuity; that numerous protests have come to the Trustees to expanding the park and donating more state lands, and the criticism from Washington that the Trustees have repudiated a binding agreement is erroneous; the situation is merely placed back like it was prior to the 1951 resolution as the Trustees had no information as to what the Secretary of the Interior or the Park Service planned to do. Attorney General Ervin expressed a willingness to discuss the matter with the park officials, but also feels that the State of Florida and the state officials are entitled to know what the park officials plan to do; that there is a lot of sentiment against expanding the park.

Mr. Larson stated that his information from Senator Holland was that the reason no action was taken by Congress in 1951, or since, was that the suggested boundaries of the park were set to go to the Tamiami Trail; that Senator Holland was opposed to that, as well as taking in Monroe County, and the proclamation was held in abeyance.

Mr. Larson further stated that his information from Senator Holland was that all condemnation proceedings by the National Park Service have been completed and there is a balance of \$305,000.00 from the \$2,000,000.00 provided by the State of Florida; that this is the balance after purchase of the Patten tract. He suggests that the Trustees have a conference with Senator Holland and park officials and have a complete understanding on three points:

1. Position in reference to the Collier lands;
2. Gateway to the park known as the west or northwest entrance, and
3. With reference to the position the Trustees find themselves

in as being criticized for repudiating an understanding with the Federal government.

Mr. Larson feels that this misunderstanding should be cleared up and he is merely bringing to the Trustees the impressions he received on his trip. Also, another area will have to be considered—the Ten Thousand Islands. Senator Holland has stated that it was his understanding that this area was to be brought into the Park.

Mr. Gray remarked that he understood the Everglades National Park Association had the maximum boundaries to include an area about 6 miles north of Tamiami Trail; that this area was later eliminated and the boundaries restricted to a few miles south of the Trail; that State Board of Education lands were within the boundaries and since said Board could not donate its lands, the Trustees made exchanges for lands outside of the park and then conveyed to the Government those within the boundaries received from the State Board of Education, and in addition the State of Florida donated \$2,000,000.00 for acquiring privately owned land.

Attorney General Ervin suggested that in a discussion of this matter the oil lease question should be re-examined as that is a very vital point right now in view of the oil wells being brought in at Forty-Mile Bend; that with the expanded park area the Trustees should have the oil rights protected and a thorough understanding on this point; that if the Federal Government allows private owners to hold oil leases the state should have equal rights.

The matter of a mangrove lease recently authorized was discussed and what the situation will be with the expanded boundaries.

The Secretary called attention to the Memorandum of Understanding which was agreed to in December 1944 and the specific conditions affecting oil leases held by the Trustees in the park area, the agreement as to the rights the state's lessees would have for exploration of the leased lands, which rights the park officials have never permitted the state's lessees to exercise.

Mr. Larson stated that the subject of oil leases and rights of the state in those areas covered by such leases should also be discussed as well as the expenditure of the remainder of the \$2,000,000.00 donation; that he feels the criticism of broken faith by the Trustees should be challenged as it does not appear that adoption of the resolution January 19 carried any such intent.

The Secretary called attention to another phase of the Memorandum of Understanding in reference to oil rights, which was that the Federal Government would not accept any land without release of oil rights; that it did provide that if oil should be developed in the park area the Trustees would receive the customary royalty at time of production; however, in 1949 an act was passed by Congress giving to private owners of land in the park the right to lease till 1958 and if oil was discovered by that time such leases would continue. The state was not given that consideration and the request for the state to be put on an equal basis was declined.

Governor Johns stated that he felt the state should be allowed to get the oil if it is there, and he suggested that a date for a hearing of all interested parties be fixed and the Federal authorities and the Florida delegation in Congress be invited.

Attorney General Ervin suggested that the Governor invite the Federal authorities and members in Congress from Florida to come down on a date convenient to all and have a thorough discussion of the subject; also, that all interested parties in the state be invited to appear and submit their views.

Without objections, it was so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve payment of two expense accounts, totalling \$109.62, from Professor Ernest R. Bartley, for research work done in connection with Tidelands Cases handled by the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment of the following salaries and necessary expenses:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary.....	\$ 875.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer.....	525.00
A. C. Bridges, Auditor.....	450.00
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant.....	400.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk.....	458.33
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk.....	400.00
B. G. Shelper, Clerk-Stenographer.....	291.67
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent.....	225.00
C. M. Green, Rental Agent.....	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid.....	27.50
The Miami Herald, Miami, Fla.	
For advertising land sale.....	212.80
The Key West Citizen, Key West, Fla.	
For advertising land sale.....	50.60
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla.—Expenses.....	26.31
Fred M. Burns, Tallahassee, Fla.—Expenses.....	55.89
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To Principal of State School Fund.....	13,353.19
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To State Board of Conservation.....	8,338.95
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	95.80
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	14.90
Midyette-Moor Insurance Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	19.81
Lloyd M. Hicks, CCC Manatee County	
Filing fee	7.50
The Polk County Democrat, Bartow, Fla.	
Advertising land sale.....	14.57
Fort Lauderdale Daily News, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	
Advertising land sale.....	26.55

Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	3.39
J. Alex Arnette, CCC Palm Beach County Recording fee	2.50
Bessie Alderman, Tax Collector Okeechobee County For C & SFFCD taxes 1953	6.39
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla.—Expenses	18.75
C. M. Gay, Comptroller—Travel voucher	49.70
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	17.60
Roy F. Baden, Sheriff Manatee County	5.60
Frank H. Marks, CCC Broward County— Recording fee	1.80
Frances Thigpen, Tallahassee, Fla.	24.00
TOTAL	\$26,049.10

Financial Statements for the month of January are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of January 1, 1954	\$ 531,699.39
Receipts for the Month:	
Land Sales	\$53,036.08
Quitclaim Deeds	30.00
Sale of Fill Material	5,358.51
Tax Refunds	7.56
Interest on Contract	21.12
Sale of Certified Copies Minutes	17.00
Permit for Seaplane Base	50.00
Oil Leases	1,324.84
Mineral Lease	25.00
Land Leases	411.50
Sand and Shell Leases	8,900.47
Farm Leases	3,840.00
Timber Lease	136.60
Miscellaneous Leases	475.00
Exploratory Lease—Submerged land	100.00
Campsite Leases	250.00
Grazing Leases	188.15
Total Receipts for the Month	\$74,171.83
Grand Total	74,171.83
Less Disbursements for the Month	
	605,871.22
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 1954	450,420.32
	155,450.90

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF JANUARY, 1954

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
1-7-54	166521	M. J. and Helen Carroll	\$ 1,082.10
1-8-54	168816	W. R. Culbreath	22.11
1-11-54	172228	Halsey, Stuart & Company	403,462.80
	172363	City of Belle Glade	680.00
1-14-54	177194	A. R. Williams	15.99

1-15-54	179062	John D. Moriarty.....	37.70
1-18-54	180009	S. T. Trans. to Prin. State School Fund	19,071.32
	180010	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tr. to St. Bd. Conservation....	8,693.02
1-19-54	182254	Southeastern Telephone Co.....	83.85
	182255	Burroughs Corporation	30.70
	182256	Thomas J. Kelly, Sheriff.....	6.80
	182257	Review Printing Co.....	25.30
	182258	Western Union Telegraph Co..	11.34
	182259	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co..	32.00
	182260	Capital Office Equipment Co.....	42.08
	182261	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.....	7.70
	182262	John F. Kirk, Sheriff.....	2.90
1-20-54	182766	C. M. Gay, Comptroller.....	300.70
1-21-54	184943	Harry A. and Myrtle C. Merickel	50.00
	184944	Rudolph W. and Helen C. Birdsell, Jr.	654.00
	184945	Doris Davey & P. Bruce Benson .	350.00
	184946	John H. and Ernestine D. Kohler	220.00
	184947	Elbert Gary & Edith M. Sutcliffe	170.00
	184948	Elbert Gary Sutcliffe.....	100.00
	184949	Carl F. and Benona J. Kohler...	100.00
	184950	Frank D. & Wilhelmina M. Horan	330.00
	184951	Reuben P. & Constance B. Adams	250.00
	184952	Marguis Bowman	250.00
	184953	J. J. and Kathryn V. Deane.....	100.00
	184954	Vera Deane Hammer.....	120.00
	184955	W. L. and Jesse L. Robertson....	130.00
	184956	Madlen Marvin	60.00
	184957	Lillian T. Couch.....	380.00
	184958	Delwin J. and Adele Link.....	100.00
	184959	Addie E. Spurge.....	180.00
	184960	Clyde K. and Lucille O. Hall....	170.00
	184961	Daniel H. and Mary L. Wallace..	230.00
	184962	Wm. R. Battison.....	340.00
	184963	Mary Fox Reutlinger.....	210.00
	184964	Carl W. and Marjorie B. Hoffman	110.00
	184965	Wm. Paul Martin.....	320.00
	184966	Florence S. Hamlin.....	70.00
	184967	M. K. and Elsie T. Patton.....	200.00
	184968	Percival B. Slater.....	220.00
	184969	Elmer L. & Madge M. Torstonson	110.00
1-26-54	184970	Harry C. and Marjorie S. Bosch.	100.00
1-25-54	188092	Shawano Drainage District.....	49.50
	186565	S. T. Tr. to State Road License Fd.	746.00
1-28-54	190801	Fitzgerald and Wallace.....	25.00
	190802	The Dade City Banner.....	15.33
	190803	Sarasota Herald-Tribune	23.00
	190804	Marchant Calculators, Inc.....	36.00

	190805	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster.....	50.00
1-30-54	165517	F. C. Elliot.....	713.75
	165518	A. R. Williams.....	420.65
	165519	A. C. Bridges.....	350.93
	165520	J. B. Linn.....	349.25
	165521	M. O. Barco.....	361.71
	165522	J. L. Dedge.....	333.50
	165523	B. G. Shelfer.....	227.11
	165524	Sinclair Wells	213.75
	165525	C. M. Greene.....	47.50
	165526	R. N. Landers.....	26.13
	165527	Blue Cross of Florida.....	23.15
	165528	Southern States Life Ins. Co.....	17.55
	165529	5% Retirement Fund.....	165.12
	165530	Federal Tax	452.40
1-12-54	173032	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tr. to General Revenue, 3%	6,540.58
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF			
JANUARY, 1954			\$450,420.32

U.S.G.S. COOPERATIVE FUND

January 1, 1954—Balance	\$ 250.00
Receipts for the Month:	
January 18—City of Sarasota.....	\$ 250.00
Polk County Commissioners	1,000.00
January 26—Hillsborough County	
Commissioners	600.00
January 25—Pinellas County	
Commissioners	650.00
Total Receipts for the Month.....	2,500.00
GRAND TOTAL	
Less Disbursements .....	.00
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 1954	\$2,750.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

January 5, 1954	\$3,290.40
January 18, 1954	590.65

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH OF

JANUARY, 1954 \$3,881.05

Disbursements from General Revenue:

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
1-30-54	169923	E. Hewitt	\$ 348.74
	169924	M. C. Pichard	259.06
	169925	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co...	7.75
	169926	5% Retirement Fund.....	20.54
	169927	Federal Tax	66.40

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF

JANUARY, 1954 \$ 702.49

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Duval	12-22-53	6
Escambia	12-23-53	1
Hardee	1-11-54	2
Holmes	2-1-54	1
Indian River	1-25-54	2
Orange	2-1-54	23
Putnam	2-6-54	5
St. Johns	1-21-54	10
Seminole	1-25-54	11
Taylor	2-15-54	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution and delivery of the following deeds, the Attorney General's Office having approved issuance of deeds:

Hillsborough County Deed No. 1082—Duplicate to W. B. Dormany, in lieu of Hillsborough County Deed No. 1082 dated May 28, 1941, to same grantee, lost before recording.

Hillsborough County Deed No. 1837—Corrective to Joaquina Menendez, Vincent Menendez, Herminia Danile and Violet Campo, the surviving heirs at law of Manual Menendez, deceased, in lieu of Hillsborough County Deed No. 1837 dated June 2, 1942, to Manuel Menendez, who was deceased on date of original deed.

Manatee County Deed No. 571—Cor. to First National Company of Bradenton, a Florida corporation, in lieu of Manatee County Deed No. 571 dated July 2, 1943, to First National Company, Inc., and is to correct name of grantee.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution and delivery of the following quitclaim deeds for the purpose of releasing road right of way reserved in original deeds, the State Road Department having approved such releases:

Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1771 to R. H. Eis
 Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 3352 to James Celio
 Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 781 to Esther S. Gelineau

Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1117 to Lillian P. Barrett
 Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1422A to International Investment Co., Inc.
 Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1480 to Nellie Marzec
 Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2106 to Raymond Sheldon and wife
 Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2246 to Albert Manzec and wife
 Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2571 to Riverside Baptist Church of Tampa
 Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4231 to C. Clark Woods and wife
 Pt. Pinellas Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1828 to David N. Payton
 Pinellas Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2069 to David Payton
 Pinellas Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3891 to Clarence E. Smith

Mr. Elliot reported as information that in pursuance of an order of the Supreme Court of Florida, Murphy Act Deed No. 2022 has been executed and transmitted to Mr. John W. Booth, conveying 34 lots in Blocks A, D and E of Center Street Subdivision of Part Block 6, Husson's Addition to Palatka, Putnam County, Florida. A sale held September 6, 1952, has been in litigation for some time and was only recently decided in favor of Mr. Booth. The Trustees approved the action taken by the Secretary.

Three requests were presented from the State Road Department for right of way across Murphy Act land in Dixie, Jackson and Okaloosa Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of right of way easements to the State Road Department across the following described land:

DIXIE COUNTY—That part of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 11, Block 2 of T. P. Chaires Addition to the Town of Cross City, lying within 50 feet of the centerline of State Road No. 55—Sec. 3001-117, SRD 76;

JACKSON COUNTY—That part of 1 acre in the Southeast corner of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, Township 6 North, Range 9 West, lying within 35 feet of the Survey Line of State Road S-69-A, Sec. 5363-150—SRD 41;

OKALOOSA COUNTY—That part of 1 acre in the Northeast corner of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 6 North, Range 22 West, lying within 50 feet each side of the centerline of State Road No. S-85-A, Sec. 5755-152, SRD 23.

Mr. Hugh C. Edwards submitted application for deed under Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953, covering the North 222 feet of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 18, Voyle's Survey of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 6, Township 10 South, Range 20

East, Alachua County. Applicant is former owner of the land and offers \$10.00 for deed, which is equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcel to Mr. Edwards at the price offered, deed to be issued under provisions of Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953.

Mr. Burley Mitchell submitted as a Special Case an offer of \$400.00 as bid for advertising 30 parcels of land in Brooksville Terrace Subdivision of Section 11, Township 23 South, Range 18 East, Hernando County. The Secretary recommends a base bid of \$1400.00 for the entire subdivision, or so much as is owned by the State.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer from Mr. Mitchell and authorize the land advertised with base bid of \$1400.00.

The Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County submitted request for conveyance of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, Township 29 South, Range 18 East, containing 40 acres in Hillsborough County. No offer was made for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the land to the county upon payment of \$1000.00 which is one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value; deed to be made under provisions of Chapter 21684.

Mr. Herman D. Eisenberg, under Special Case rule, submitted the following offers for land in Orange County:

\$200.00 for 112 lots in Windermere Heights 2nd Addition
\$670.00 for 414 lots and 12 blocks in Bithlo Subdivision.

The secretary recommends as a base bid for the first, \$5.00 per lot or \$560.00 for 112 lots; and for the second, a bid of \$1505.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offers made and authorize the land advertised with base bids as recommended by the Secretary.

Request was presented from Gulf Power Corporation for extension in time for construction of transmission line across a parcel of land described as 1 acre in the northwest corner of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 12 West, Washington County. The easement granted January 27, 1953, provided for construction to commence within one year, but owing to circumstances over which the company has no control they have been unable to do the work.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted,

that the Trustees authorize extension of twelve months from January 27, 1954.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Alachua, Baker, DeSoto, Hernando, Okaloosa, Pasco, Washington and Wakulla Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vested no title in the State to the lands covered thereby.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment of the following salaries:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper.....	\$410.83
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary.....	291.66
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TOTAL.....	\$702.49

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor - Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

March 2, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Governor's office at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Joint session of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education was called and Secretary of State R. A. Gray and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Thomas D. Bailey were recorded present as members of the State Board of Education.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a matter relating to the oil well recently drilled on the north side of Tamiami Trail at Forty-Mile Bend. The Engineer and Secretary explained that the State Board of Education holding the reserved 50% of oil and gas had

executed an oil and gas lease covering Section 16, Township 54 South, Range 35 East, Dade County, in favor of Commonwealth Oil Company; that Commonwealth Oil Company also held a lease from the owner of the fee of the land covering the other 50%; that a location had been made and a test well had been drilled. The location at the time the well was drilled was believed to be in Section 16 near the south boundary of said section; that since the drilling of the well and further checking of the location, doubt has arisen as to whether the well be inside or outside of Section 16; that several agreements, contracts and commitments had been made by several parties having interest in Section 16 based on the location of the well being in said Section 16. Disturbing these commitments would upset and cause great inconvenience and much expense to all concerned unless the situation can be corrected. The said well is either in Section 16 or is on land owned by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Therefore, the following is suggested:

That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund convey to the State Board of Education whatever land there is north of the Tamiami Trail to the south line of Section 16, in exchange for land, or interest in land, owned by the State Board of Education to be conveyed to the said Trustees. It is suggested that since the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund own the West 3/4 of Section 16, Township 54 South, Range 36 East, for which the State Board of Education holds the reserved fifty percent (50%) oil and gas and seventy-five percent (75%) of phosphate and other minerals, that the State Board of Education convey its reserved oil, gas and other minerals to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in exchange for land heretofore described to be conveyed by Trustees to State Board of Education, and when the State Board of Education receives title to the land, said Board adopt a proper resolution making said land subject to the lease covering Section 16 from the said Board of Education and to all other commitments affecting said Section 16. If that be done all agreements, contracts and other commitments affecting Section 16, including the land received by the State Board of Education from the Trustees, can be carried out without change.

All interests, except one, have been contacted and are agreeable to such arrangement. All will gain by the transaction. The attitude of the interest not contacted is not known, but that party also will gain.

On behalf of the State Board of Education, Attorney General Ervin made a motion that the suggestion of the Engineer and Secretary be approved as the action of the Board, and that the Board of Education execute its deed in favor of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund conveying the interest described. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and upon vote adopted.

On behalf of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, Attorney General Ervin moved that the Trustees approve the suggestion of the Engineer and Secretary as its action, and that the Trustees

execute its deed in favor of the State Board of Education conveying the land described. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

On behalf of the State Board of Education, Attorney General Ervin made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Bailey and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education on March 7, 1952, executed oil and gas lease No. 841-S covering the said Board's reserved 50% of the oil and gas lying under Section 16 of Township 54 South, Range 35 East, to Commonwealth Oil Company, and on June 2, 1953 said Board accepted and approved a location for the drilling of a test well on said Section 16, which said location is a short distance north of the Tamiami Trail at a point near what is known as Forty Mile Bend on said Trail in the general locality of said Section 16 and at said location a well has since been drilled, and

WHEREAS, the area in which said Section 16 is located is unsurveyed and the exact location of said section on the ground has not been established and for that reason doubt exists as to the exact location of said well with respect to said Section 16, and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund have authorized conveyance to the State Board of Education of whatever land may lie north of the south right of way line of said Tamiami Trail between said line and the south boundary, wherever it may be, of said Section 16 for a distance of seven-eighths (7/8) of a mile east of the Southwest Corner of Section 16 of Township 54 South, Range 35 East, when said corner shall have been established and said boundaries of Section 16 shall have been fixed, said land extending eastward and westward so as to include with Section 16 all lands to a certainty in which said well is located,

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Board of Education that the land authorized to be conveyed by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the State Board of Education lying north of the Tamiami Trail as above referred to, be and the same is hereby accepted by said Board, and that said land and the oil well heretofore drilled thereon and any well which may be drilled thereon in the future shall be and is hereby included in the State Board of Education Lease No. 841-S dated March 7, 1952 to Commonwealth Oil Company as of the date of said lease and subject to all of the conditions thereof, and that said land be of equal status in all respects as land comprising Section 16 of Township 54 South, Range 35 East as if included in said Section 16, and without prejudice to any party or interest in said Section 16 said land shall be subject

to all commitments made by interested parties affecting said Section 16, including the following:

1. Conveyance of the surface fee title by State Board of Education to its grantee, Bellerose Realty Company, subject to the reservations in said Board of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the oil, gas and petroleum products and three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the phosphate and other minerals.
2. Oil and gas lease, Wiseheart, successors to Bellerose Realty Company, to Sun Oil Company, all of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) oil and gas interest going with the conveyance of State Board of Education to Bellerose Realty Company.
3. Assignment by Sun Oil Company of part of whole of oil and gas in Section 16 of Township 54 South, Range 35 East to Commonwealth Oil Company.
4. State Board of Education lease of its reserved one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of oil and gas in said Section 16 to Commonwealth Oil Company covering all of said Section 16 and to include particularly the land on which the so-called Wiseheart No. 1 well or Tamiami Trail Forty Mile Bend well is located.
5. Commonwealth Oil Company to Gulf Oil Corporation, assignment of twenty-five percent (25%) of oil and gas. Commonwealth Oil Company to Coastal Petroleum Company assignment of thirty-seven and one-half percent ($37\frac{1}{2}\%$) of oil and gas.

Commonwealth Oil Company, its retained thirty-seven and one-half percent ($37\frac{1}{2}\%$) of oil and gas.

6. Commonwealth Oil Company, Gulf Oil Corporation, and Coastal Petroleum Company jointly, one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) over-riding royalty to Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund covering the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15 in Township 54 South, Range 35 East out of Lease No. 730 from Trustees to Commonwealth, and covering the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, of Township 54 South, Range 35 East covered by Lease No. 340-A from Trustees to Coastal and the acceptance by Trustees of footage drilled in the Wiseheart No. 1 well as applicable to footage requirements of Lease No. 730 or Lease No. 340-A.

On behalf of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, Attorney General Ervin made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Mayo and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund authorized conveyance by deed bearing this date, certain land in Township 54 South, Range 35 East lying north of the

Tamiami Trail at what is known as Forty Mile Bend to the State Board of Education, and said Board adopted this date, to-wit: March 2, 1954, a certain Resolution in reference to said land, and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are parties at interest referred to in said Resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that said Trustees acquiesce in and agree to that set forth in said Resolution in so far as the interest of said Trustees may appear.

The State Board of Education and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund directed that the proper deeds be executed for effectuating the exchange of lands and interests in lands as referred to in said resolutions.

Joint Meeting concluded.

DADE COUNTY—On January 12, 1954, the Trustees considered application from Commonwealth Oil Company for lease covering all land owned by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, not presently covered by mineral lease, lying north of the south right of way line of the Tamiami Trail and its western extension into Monroe County, in Township 54 South, Ranges 35 and 36 East, Dade County, Florida, which said land, if any, may be assumed for the purpose of leasing to contain approximately 220 acres. The Trustees agreed to advertise the lease for competitive bids, based on the offer from applicant to make royalty payments of not less than 1/8 in kind or in value, and the amount of \$1.00 per acre per annum rental increasing 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years; bidding for the lease to be on the cash consideration which will include the first year's rental; lease to be for a term of ten (10) years. Notice of the sale was published in the Miami Herald of Miami, Florida, and in the Tallahassee Democrat, Tallahassee, on January 25, February 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1954, with bids to be received on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land to be leased and announced that he has received two sealed bids. No other offers being submitted, the following bids were opened and presented to the Trustees:

Joint bid from Commonwealth Oil Company and

Gulf Oil Corporation.....	\$2,420.00
Bond Realty Company of Newark, New Jersey.....	479.60

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bid from Commonwealth Oil Company and Gulf Oil Corporation of \$2420.00—the highest bid submitted.

PALM BEACH COUNTY—On January 12, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$15.00 an acre from Mr. Madison F. Pacetti, on behalf of clients, for purchase of the North 224.04 acres of Section 3, Township 45 South, Range 41 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$15.00 an acre, and notice of the sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on January 29, February 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells read out description of the land and announced that he has received a bid of \$5600.00 from Matthew Fergan of West Palm Beach, Florida. He called attention to the following:

“The sale of this 224.04 acres will be subject to customary canal and levee reservations of 130 feet either side of the centerline of any canal for reclamation purposes.”

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$38.00 an acre being made by B. M. Shotkin of Miami Beach, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bid of \$38.00 an acre from Mr. Shotkin, the deed to contain the reservation for canal and levee of 130 feet on each side of the centerline of any canal for reclamation purposes.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On January 12, 1953, the Trustees considered request from Mr. E. William Gautier, on behalf of the City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, for conveyance by the Trustees to the city of a parcel of tidal marsh and submerged land in unsurveyed part of Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Township 17 South, Range 33 East, and in Township 16 South, Range 34 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun-News on January 29, February 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were presented to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the land described in favor of the City of New Smyrna Beach, without cost, the deed to contain the “public purpose clause,” and if the land should be used for other purposes, title to revert to the State.

Mr. Wells reported that the following sales were advertised for objections only, based on applications from adjoining upland owners, and that no objections have been received to date.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On January 5, 1954, the Trustees consid-

ered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Walter S. Hardin, on behalf of himself, Glen Evans, R. S. Boutelle, A. Paul Fonda, James Hoey, L. Fahnestock, G. W. Hobbs, C. H. Wisner, F. H. Hanson, R. M. Wright, R. S. Rankin and J. L. Van Volkenburg, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Lemon Bay, lying adjacent to and eastward of the South 806.6 feet of Government Lot 5, Section 22, and the North 2023.4 feet of Government Lot 1 of Section 27, all in Township 40 South, Range 19 East, and bounded on the east by the west right of way line of the Intracoastal Waterway. Containing 200 acres, more or less, and lying and being in Sarasota County, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on January 29, February 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

PASCO COUNTY—On January 12, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. J. Hardin Peterson, on behalf of Captain John E. Tsarvaris and wife, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Anclote Keys lying west of Anclote Anchorage, said parcel being 660 feet in width and approximately 2700 feet in length extending from Government Lot 2, Section 19, Township 26 South, Range 15 East, southwesterly to the northerly extreme of Government Lot 3, Section 30, Township 26 South, Range 15 East, or Dutchman Key, containing 41 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Dade City Banner on January 29, February 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY—On January 12, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Leo Wotitzky, on behalf of Grove City Realty Company, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Oyster Creek and Lemon Bay, lying westerly of and adjacent to the Grove City Subdivision, being in Sections 8 and 17, Township 41 South, Range 20 East, containing 24 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Punta Gorda Herald on January 28, February 4, 11, 18 and 25, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

MONROE COUNTY—On January 19, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Pan-Ed Corporation, for purchase of 1.3 acres, more or less, of bay bottom land in the Straits of Florida at Key West, located in Township 68 South, Range 25 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on January 30, February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the four sales advertised for objections only as applied for by adjoining upland owners.

Mr. J. D. Barnes makes application for one year extension of his Grazing Lease No. 629, under the same terms and conditions—\$150.00 per annum. The lease covers 30 acres of land in Section 9, Township 58 South, Range 37 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees grant one-year extension in lease as requested by Mr. Barnes at the rate of \$150.00 per annum.

Mr. K. C. Smith makes application to renew his Grazing Lease No. 610. The lease covers 22.5 acres in Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County, with payments of \$10.00 an acre annually for 5 acres and \$1.00 an acre for the remaining 17½ acres. The Trustees recently adopted a flat price of \$7.50 an acre annually for all the land and Mr. Smith now asks that the matter be reconsidered and the original price allowed, for the reason that the greater portion of the land is inaccessible on account of water.

Mr. Mayo recommended that the Trustees accept the original prices as he was mistaken as to the character of the land when he suggested the \$7.50 an acre rental.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees rescind former action and grant request for renewal of one year on Lease No. 610 upon payment of rental at the original rate—\$10.00 an acre per annum for 5 acres, and \$1.00 per acre annually for 17½ acres.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged and bay bottom land adjoining upland property of applicants:

Sarasota County—Mr. L. W. Bauer offers \$50.00 for a small parcel of submerged land adjacent to Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, containing 0.16 of an acre, owned by him; and

Monroe County—Mr. W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Dr. R. L. Scholl, offers \$200.00 an acre for 2.22 acres of bay bottom land adjoining Section 32, Township 65 South, Range 33 East, owned by him.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the two parcels for objections only based on offers from Mr. Bauer and Dr. Scholl.

Date for hearing on Everglades National Park was discussed, and it was agreed that March 15 would be convenient with Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Governor invite the National Park officials and Congressmen from Florida to meet with the Trustees and State Board of Education

March 15th if convenient to them; if not, another date will be suggested.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of land under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Indian River	2-22-54	2
Nassau	2-22-54	2
Okaloosa	2-8-54	1
Okaloosa	2-15-54	2
Polk	1-27-54	1
Taylor	2-8-54	1

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following quitclaim deeds be executed for the purpose of releasing state road right of way reserved in original deeds, the State Road Department having approved such releases:

Dade County Quitclaim Deed No. 627—Cor. to Albert T. Clark & wife

Pt. Dade Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1142 to Marion B. Quinn

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 08—Ch. 21684 to William F. Kincaid

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 08—Ch. 21684 to Highland Pines Corp.

Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 717 to Cypress Drive-In Theatre, Inc.

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1289 to May G. Carlstein

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1309 to Raymond Sheldon & wife

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1583 to J. M. Bregar & wife

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2667 to William A. Trammell & wife

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3005 to Eunice P. Granger

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3810 to J. Watson Belt & wife

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3840 to J. Watson Belt & wife

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3923 to William H. Mowrey and Martha E. Forbes, his daughter

Palm Beach County Q.C. Deed No. 899 to Una Bakody

Pt. Pinellas Co. Q. C. Deed No. 1721 to Sophia L. Moberly

Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners request conveyance of Lot 5, Block 7, and Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 9 of Florida Land and Abstract Company's Addition to Monticello, Florida. The lots are desired as a location for a colored school.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the lots to Jefferson County for a consideration of \$75.00, with deed to be issued under Chapter 21684 of 1943 which does not require advertisement and public sale.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS,
Acting Governor - Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

March 9, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Edward H. Bartlett and wife, Irene Bartlett, submitted offer of \$50.00 annual rental for lease of a strip of land 250 feet by 200 feet on the extreme southeast corner of Long Arsenicker Key, lying and being in Section 13, Township 58 South, Range 40 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize five-year lease in favor of applicants for camp purposes.

Mr. John R. Parkinson made application to the Trustees for a lease to explore for minerals in Lake George located in Marion, Volusia, Putnam and Lake Counties. Applicant desires a lease for ten (10) years similar to leases in favor of Walter B. Fraser, R. Franklin West and M. W. Foley. Mr. Parkinson discussed the cancellation provision and requested that it be eliminated owing to the cost of equipment that would be necessary in an operation of this kind.

Upon discussion, motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the lease for objections based on offer of \$1.00 per long ton for minerals mined, with minimum monthly royalty payment of \$25.00; that upon lease being granted it shall be conditioned upon any protests made being referred to the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission for examination and decision as to cancellation of said lease.

Mr. Wells reported that the Governor's office referred to him a telegram from B. M. Shotkin in which he stated that he did not have knowledge of a right of way reservation to be included in deed covering Palm Beach County land for which he bid \$38.00 an acre at the meeting March 2, 1954. By reference to the minutes of that date, it was found that ample notice was given prior to bidding on this land that the sale was being made subject to such reservation.

Mr. Wells was requested to notify Mr. Shotkin in accordance with the record and advise that the sale was final in so far as the Trustees are concerned.

Upon recommendation from Mr. Wells, motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize payment of \$200.00 per month to Mr. W. R. Culbreath, as assistant Attorney General, for legal work he is called on to handle for the Trustees, said salary to be effective as of March 1, 1954.

Request was made by Commonwealth Oil Company for approval of its assignments to Gulf Oil Corporation, and by Gulf Oil Corporation for approval of its assignment to Commonwealth Oil Company, all of which cover and apply to portions of the leased premises under State of Florida Lease No. 833, said assignments being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

1. That certain Act of Assignment dated November 14, 1953, made and entered into by and between Commonwealth Oil Company, as Assignor, and Gulf Oil Corporation, as Assignee, covering State of Florida Lease No. 833, only insofar as the same covers and applies to the following described property, to-wit:

Begin at a point which is North 88 degrees 32' 30" West 666.7 feet from the Southeast corner of Lot No. 4 being the Southwest corner of Lot No. 4 of Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 28 West, thence North 88 degrees 32' 30" West 2524.3 feet, thence North 00 degrees 52' East 2597.8 feet, thence South 88 degrees 51' 30" East 2432.4 feet to Northwest corner of Lot No. 4, thence South 23 degrees 18' East 169.1 feet, thence South 75 feet, thence South 12 degrees 21' East 429.9 feet, thence South 18 degrees 30' East 305.8 feet, thence South 08 degrees 54' East 381.6 feet, thence South 01 degrees 22' West 295.1 feet, thence South 07 de-

grees 35' East 219.9 feet, thence South 02 degrees 24' West 358.3 feet, thence South 61 degrees 04' West 97.1 feet, thence South 105 feet, thence South 23 degrees 15' West 139.3 feet, thence South 68 degrees 12' West 91.5 feet, thence South 21 degrees 51' West 119.6 feet to point of beginning, all lying and being in Township 1 South, Range 28 West, Santa Rosa County, Florida, and containing 160 acres, more or less.

2. That certain Act of Assignment dated December 21, 1953, made and entered into by and between Commonwealth Oil Company, as Assignor, and Gulf Oil Corporation, as Assignee, covering State of Florida Lease No. 833, only insofar as the same covers and applies to the following described property, to-wit:

Begin at a point which is North 88 degrees 32' 30" West 3191 feet from the Southeast corner of Lot No. 4 of Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 28 West, thence North 88 degrees 32' 30" West 2690.8 feet, thence North 00 degrees 52' East 2582.9 feet, thence South 88 degrees 51' 30" East 2690.6 feet, thence South 00 degrees 52' West 2597.8 feet to the point of beginning, all lying and being in Township 1 South, Range 28 West, Santa Rosa County, Florida, and containing 160 acres, more or less; and,

Begin at the Southeast corner of Lot No. 3, Section 28, Township 1 South, Range 28 West, Santa Rosa County, Florida, thence run North 88 degrees 42' and 15" West a distance of 3437.6 feet for the point of beginning, thence run North 01 degrees 10' 15" East a distance of 2671.2 feet, thence run North 88 degrees 32' 30" West a distance of 2605.6 feet, thence run South 01 degrees 10' 15" West a distance of 2678.6 feet, thence run South 88 degrees 42' 15" East a distance of 2605.6 feet to the point of beginning, said land lying and being in Escambia Bay, Santa Rosa County, Florida, and containing 160 acres, more or less.

3. That certain Act of Assignment dated December 3, 1953, made and entered into by and between Gulf Oil Corporation, as Assignor, and Commonwealth Oil Company, as Assignee, covering State of Florida Lease No. 833, only insofar as the same covers and applies to the following described property, to-wit:

Begin at a point which is North 88 degrees 42' 15" West 1014 feet from Southeast corner of Lot No. 3 of Section 28, Township 1 South, Range 28 West, being the Southwest corner of Lot No. 3, thence North 88 degrees 42' 15" West 2423.6 feet, thence North 01 degrees 10' 15" East 2671.2 feet, thence South 88 degrees 32' 30" East 2770.4 feet, to the Northwest corner of Lot No. 3, thence South 18 degrees 34' West 215.2 feet, thence South 70 degrees 39' West 39.2 feet, thence South 10 degrees 17' West 196.2 feet, thence South 09 degrees 20' East 351.7 feet, thence South 185 feet, thence South 14 degrees 02' West 226.8 feet, thence South 10 de-

grees 30' West 279.7 feet, thence South 06 degrees 16' West 513.1 feet, thence South 10 degrees 36' West 424.2 feet, thence South 15 degrees 01' West 301.2 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot No. 3 and point of beginning, all lying and being in Township 1 South, Range 28 West, Santa Rosa County, Florida, and containing 160 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida consent to and approve the above requested assignments.

Mr. Elliot presented requests from Pelican Bay Co-Op for abatement of rentals on Leases 716 and 715, covering what are known as reclamation Projects No. 1 and No. 2, Palm Beach County land. Mr. Elliot explained the reasons given for requesting abatement and recommended that the request be granted as to Lease No. 716 and denied as to Lease No. 715.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize abatement of payments on Lease No. 716—Project No. 1—until January 1, 1955; that request be denied for abatement of rentals on Lease No. 715—Project No. 2.

Governor Johns advised that telegram has been received from Senator Spessard Holland stating that March 15, 1954, was not convenient for officials of the National Park Service and Congressmen from Florida to be present for the scheduled meeting and suggested March 22nd for the hearing.

Without objections it was agreed to set the date of March 22, 1954, for the hearing on Everglades National Park.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Pasco	3-1-54	1
Washington	3-11-52	1

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Request was presented from May Hendrix for duplicate deed in lieu of Polk County Deed No. 715 dated July 26, 1941, which was lost before it was recorded.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve execution of Polk County Deed No. 715-Duplicate in favor of May Hendrix, original grantee, upon payment of \$5.00.

Request was presented from Archie Morrison and wife for conveyance of 5 acres of land in the SW corner of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 5 South, Range 3 West, Wakulla County, deed to be issued under Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953, which provides for conveyance to former owner without advertisement and public sale. Applicant's offer is \$25.00, which is equal to base bid under regular sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant request and issue deed under Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953, at the price offered.

Mr. Ray E. Folmar requested that the Trustees refund the amount of \$5.00 to him on account of land in Washington County—2 acres in Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 16 West, which was erroneously certified to the state under Chapter 18296. It was discovered that the land was covered by double assessment and the certificate had been cancelled by the Comptroller's Office.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of warrant in amount of \$5.00 in favor of Mr. Ray E. Folmar as refund.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS,
Acting Governor - Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

March 16, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

The Secretary presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated

March 16, 1954

March 2, 1954, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

BROWARD COUNTY—On January 19, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$60.00 an acre from Mr. William P. Simmons, Jr., for purchase of 1,810.01 acres of land in Section 3, Township 50 South, Range 40 East, and in Sections 13, 23, 24, 27 and 33 in Township 49 South, Range 40 East, Florida Fruit Land Company's Subdivision Plat No. 1, Plat Book 2, Page 17, Dade County Records. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$60.00 an acre and notice of sale was published in the Fort Lauderdale News on January 29, February 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells announced that bids will be received on the land as four separate parcels for the reason that four (4) leases are outstanding on this land and the lessees desire to bid on the land covered by their respective leases.

PARCEL NO. 1—Mr. Wells called out the description of Parcel 1, containing 164.4 acres in Section 3, Township 50 South, Range 40 East, and announced that he has a starting bid of \$60.00 an acre for this parcel; that the land is now under Lease No. 796 to Dr. B. F. Hart with expiration date May 15, 1966, and that sale will be made subject to said lease.

Competitive bidding resulted in the high bid of \$115.00 an acre being made by Dr. B. F. Hart for Hubert C. Smith, as trustee.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$115.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Smith as trustee.

PARCEL NO. 2—Mr. Wells called out the description of Parcel 2, containing 273.75 acres in Section 33, Township 49 South, Range 40 East, and announced that he has a starting bid of \$60.00 an acre for Parcel No. 2, which is covered by Lease No. 796-B to Mr. J. D. Hawkins, with expiration date May 15, 1966, and that sale will be made subject to said lease.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$61.00 an acre from Mr. Hawkins. The Land Agent recommended that the offer be declined.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer of \$61.00 an acre for Parcel 2.

PARCEL NO. 3—Mr. Wells called out the description of Parcel 3, containing 262.5 acres in Section 27, Township 49 South, Range 40 East, and announced that he has a starting bid of \$60.00 an acre for this

parcel; that the land is now under Lease No. 796 to Dr. B. F. Hart with expiration date May 15, 1966; sale subject to lease.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$115.00 an acre from Mr. Joseph Kelleher for Mr. F. M. Dolan.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high offer of \$115.00 an acre for Parcel No. 3 and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Dolan.

PARCEL NO. 4—Mr. Wells called out the description of Parcel 4, containing 253.56 acres in Section 13, 241.25 acres in Section 23, and 614.55 acres in Section 24, all in Township 49 South, Range 40 East, and announced that he has a starting bid of \$60.00 an acre; that the land is now under Lease No. 772 issued to Mr. John Kennedy, with expiration date December 14, 1965.

Mr. Wells recommended that the land be sold with a stipulation that when Mr. Robert L. Bates has finished paying amounts he agreed to pay for improvements which Mr. Kennedy, now deceased, placed on the land, that Lease 772 be assigned to him.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$115.00 an acre from Mr. William P. Simmons, Jr., and Mr. W. R. Dawes, as trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$115.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Messrs. Simmons and Dawes, as trustees, subject to Lease No. 772; also that said lease be assigned to Mr. Bates when payments are made as outlined by Mr. Wells.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On February 2, 1954, the Trustees considered an offer of \$250.00 an acre from Mr. Lincoln C. Bogue, on behalf of Mrs. Gladys Francis, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay lying adjacent to and west of Lots 17 and 18, Jungle Shores No. 2, lying and being in Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, containing 1.02 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on February 12, 19, 26, March 5 and 12, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described in favor of Mrs. Francis at the price offered—\$250.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On October 20, 1953, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 from Mr. Paul Sawyer, on behalf of Key West Outboard

Club, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Bay of Florida, lying northeasterly of and adjacent to the Easterly one-half of Lot 17, Block 45, of George I. McDonald's Map, containing 0.23 of an acre, more or less, lying and being in Section 35, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, the land to be used for public purposes only. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on February 12, 19, 26, March 5 and 12, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Key West Outboard Club at the price offered, the deed to contain clause that the land will be used for public purposes only.

Mr. Richard Garwood offers to exchange with the Trustees the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 8, Township 38 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, which is owned by him, for the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5, Township 38 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, which is owned by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. Mr. Wells recommended that the exchange be made, as it would be advantageous to the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize making the exchange as requested by Mr. Garwood.

Mr. Irlo Bronson, on behalf of Mr. J. O. Pearce, Jr., offers \$225.00 for Lots 1 to 10, inclusive, and Lots 12 to 23, inclusive, Block 2, Okeechobee Heights Subdivision, Section 21, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids based on the offer from Mr. Pearce.

Mr. N. B. Barnum, on behalf of Mrs. Eugene Hoffner, offers \$300.00 an acre for 0.303 of an acre of lake bottom land on Lake Conway adjacent to her upland property in Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Hoffners Subdivision, Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance to Mrs. Hoffner of the parcel adjacent to her upland property, without advertisement.

Financial Statements for the month of February are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of February 1, 1954.....	\$155,450.90
Receipts for the Month	
Land Sales	\$46,159.81
Refund of Advertising Cost.....	15.33
Reimbursement—Project #1.....	92.40
Tax Refunds	231.24
Fee for non-use Commitment.....	5.00
Quitclaim Deeds.....	77.55
Sale of Trustees Minutes.....	40.00
Reimbursement of Court Cost—	
Lichtenberg vs. Trustees.....	13.90
Interest on Contracts.....	17.30
Grazing Leases.....	1,382.36
Mineral Lease.....	50.00
Farm Lease.....	60.00
Land Lease.....	50.00
Exploratory Lease.....	100.00
Less Returned Check.....	100.00
—o—	
Sand and Shell Leases.....	6,851.09
Miscellaneous Lease.....	275.00
Timber Lease.....	178.40
Oil Leases.....	21,744.14
Total Receipts for Month.....	\$ 77,243.52
GRAND TOTAL.....	232,694.42
Less Disbursements for the Month.....	26,049.10
BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1954.....	\$206,645.32

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1954

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
2-5-54	200083	The Miami Herald.....	\$ 212.80
	200084	The Key West Citizen.....	50.60
2-9-54	204297	W. R. Culbreath.....	26.31
	204298	Fred M. Burns.....	55.89
2-15-54	203015	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, Tr. to State School Fund	13,353.19
	203016	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, Tr. to State Board Conservation	8,338.95
2-17-54	210534	Southeastern Telephone Company	95.80
	210535	Western Union Telegraph Co.....	14.90
	210536	Midyette-Moor Insurance Co.....	19.81
	210537	Lloyd M. Hicks, CCC.....	7.50
	210538	The Polk County Democrat.....	14.57
	210539	Ft. Lauderdale Daily News.....	26.55
	210540	Standard Oil Co.....	3.39
2-17-54	210541	J. Alex Arnette, CCC.....	2.50
	213669	Bessie Alderman, Tax Collector..	6.39

2-18-54	214982	W. R. Culbreath.....	18.75
2-19-54	215982	C. M. Gay, Comptroller.....	49.70
2-24-54	222575	Capital Office Equipment Co.....	17.60
	222576	Roy F. Baden, Sheriff.....	5.60
	222577	Frank H. Marks, CCC.....	1.80
	222578	Frances Thigpen.....	24.00
2-27-54	196177	F. C. Elliot.....	713.75
	196178	A. R. Williams.....	420.65
	196179	A. C. Bridges.....	350.93
	196180	J. B. Linn.....	349.25
	196181	M. O. Barco.....	361.71
	196182	J. L. Dedge.....	333.50
	196183	B. G. Shelfer.....	237.11
	196184	Sinclair Wells.....	213.75
	196185	C. M. Greene.....	47.50
	196186	R. N. Landers.....	26.13
	196187	Blue Cross of Florida.....	23.15
	196188	Southern States Life Insurance Co.....	17.55
	196189	5% Retirement Fund.....	165.12
	196190	Federal Tax	442.40

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH
OF FEBRUARY, 1954..... \$26,049.10

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of February 1, 1954.....	\$2,750.00
Receipts for the Month:	
February 2—Highlands County.....	400.00
GRAND TOTAL.....	3,150.00
Less Disbursements	—o—
BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1954.....	\$3,150.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:
February 9, 1954..... \$504.00

Disbursements from General Revenue:

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
2-27-54	194336	E. Hewitt	\$348.74
	194337	M. C. Pichard.....	259.06
	194338	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co...	7.75
	194339	5% Retirement Fund.....	20.54
	194340	Federal Tax	66.40

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH
OF FEBRUARY, 1954..... \$702.49

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Columbia	3-8-54	1
Jefferson	3-1-54	1
Lake	3-8-54	5
Levy	2-15-54	1
Putnam	3-6-54	1
St. Johns	3-1-54	1

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds, the Attorney General's office having approved such corrections:

Escambia County Deed No. 232-Corrective to Mrs. Peter Nobles, issued in lieu of Deed No. 232 dated June 22, 1943, to same grantee, to correct description of land conveyed.

Escambia County Deed No. 280-Corrective to James T. Estes and R. J. Estes, issued in lieu of Deed No. 280 dated February 23, 1944, to same grantee, to correct description of the land conveyed.

St. Johns County Deed No. 952-Supplemental-Corrective to J. T. Lopes and Mary C. Lopes, his wife, issued in lieu of Deed No. 952 dated October 15, 1953, to same grantees, and is to identify the land by showing plat book and page reference.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS,
Acting Governor - Chairman

Attest: Jentye Dedge
Acting Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

March 22, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education held a special meeting on this date in the Senate Chamber for the purpose of hearing representatives of the National Park Service, United States Senators and parties interested in proposed expansion of the boundaries of Everglades National Park.

March 22, 1954

Present: Charley E. Johns, Governor
 R. A. Gray, Secretary of State
 C. M. Gay, Comptroller
 J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
 Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
 Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Governor Johns opened the meeting by welcoming the representatives of the National Park Service, the Florida Senators in Congress and all interested citizens. The Governor further explained his position substantially as follows: That he feels so strongly that there is oil in the Everglades that he purchased some shares in Commonwealth Oil Company but since there has been some question as to his voting as a member of the board on the expansion of park boundaries and holding stock in an oil company, he has instructed that his oil stock be sold; also, for the reason that he has expressed himself on the subject of protecting oil rights and also on the action taken by Mr. Douglas McKay, Secretary of the Interior, in issuing an order expanding the park boundaries, he felt it would be better for someone else to preside over this meeting today; that he has asked Secretary of State R. A. Gray to preside so there will be no opportunity for criticism that partiality is being shown. The Governor submitted a petition that was presented to him while he was down at Forty-Mile Bend well, signed by five thousand (5,000) persons protesting the expansion of the park boundaries.

Mr. Gray took the chair and stated that everyone who so desired would be given an opportunity to be heard and that Mr. F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary for the Trustees, would make a preliminary statement.

The Trustees having requested the Secretary to prepare a report on the subject, Mr. Elliot stated that such report was furnished each member several days ago. It was ordered that said report be copied into the minutes of the Trustees.

**TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
 RE
 EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
 SUMMARY OF TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN THE TRUSTEES OF
 THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND THE NATIONAL
 PARK SERVICE IN REFERENCE TO EVERGLADES NATIONAL
 PARK, FLORIDA**

March 18, 1954

This summary does not cover the early period during which the idea of a National Park in the Everglades gradually took form. It is confined to the important actual transactions between the State and the

United States under which the Everglades National Park actually came into being.

— 1944 —

Under arrangements between the National Park Service and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, the Trustees executed deed dated December 28, 1944, in favor of the United States, covering all land and certain water areas owned by the state except school land within a perimeter description defining the then proposed Everglades National Park boundaries. The immediate purpose was the protection of wild life in the area by the United States Fish and Wild Life Service, and subsequently the inclusion of the area in and to become a part of the Everglades National Park. The deed was not accepted by the Secretary of the Interior till March 14, 1947.

At the time of execution of the 1944 deed the Trustees were required by Florida law to insert in all deeds reservations of title to 50% of oil and 75% of phosphate and other minerals. Those reservations were in the deed. The National Park Service advised the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that in the acquisition of land by the United States for National Park purposes a requirement was that the land be conveyed in fee simple, without title reservations of any kind, such as the title reserved to oil and minerals as contained in the 1944 deed. There were numerous oil and gas leases in effect at the time the 1944 deed was executed in favor of the United States, and with respect to said leases it was agreed that all leases outstanding should continue in effect till such leases shall expire or are terminated. Several leases have since expired; a few are still in effect and continue under their original terms, unaffected by inclusion of the leased lands in Everglades National Park.

— 1947 —

With respect to the reserved title in oil and minerals, to meet the conditions required by the National Park Service that reservations of title covering oil, gas and other minerals would have to be removed as precedent to including the land in and to become a part of Everglades National Park, the Trustees procured the enactment of Chapter 23617, Acts of 1947, Section 2 of which is as follows:

“Section 2. The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are further authorized in their discretion to convey land to the United States free from reservations for oil, gas, phosphate and other minerals, provided agreement satisfactory to the Trustees be effectuated with the United States whereby, in the event oil, gas, phosphate or other minerals are ever produced from said land, said Trustees shall receive the customary royalty therefrom. In any conveyance heretofore made to the United States for National Park or related purpose subsequent to June 30, 1943, which contained such reservations, said Trustees shall have authority to convey said reservations subject to the conditions hereof in respect to customary royalty.”

Under authority of said Chapter 23617, the Trustees, on behalf of

the State, on June 3, 1947, executed deed covering a part of the park area selected by the National Park Service, which said deed "remised, released and conveyed to the United States of America and its assigns all its right, title, interest in and to all oil, gas and other minerals and mineral rights in and under the lands within a perimeter description here described." The perimeter description is that defining the restricted boundaries of April 2, 1947. The Trustees accepted in lieu thereof the restrictive royalty clause agreed upon between the Trustees and the National Park Service as follows, to-wit:

"Provided further that there is reserved to the State of Florida the right to customary royalties applying at the time of production in any oil, gas or other minerals which may be produced from the lands above described, should such production ever be authorized by the United States."

Later, in 1947, the Trustees by Resolution agreed to release, subject to the royalty clause, the oil and mineral rights not heretofore released in the 1944 perimeter deed description, considered as being the then Park boundaries, and to issue no more leases or extend existing leases covering lands included in the 1944 deed, and also, as and when the United States took title to privately owned lands, title to which passed out of the state subject to reservations for oil and minerals, the Trustees would release said reservations subject to the royalty clause applying to the state's reserved interest in oil and other minerals.

Though something to take the place of the reserved title in oil, gas and other minerals had been talked about at the time of the 1944 deed, a definite provision to that end was not adopted till 1947 under the provision of the Act of the Legislature above referred to. Through verbal discussions in Tallahassee between the Trustees and the Park Service in arriving at an acceptable clause as to customary royalty, the Trustees understood from those discussions that the customary royalty clause was also going to be applied by the National Park Service in all private land acquisition except where acquired in fee simple with no demand for customary royalty. Though the Trustees have no written record in support, they got the very definite impression that the customary royalty arrangement would be the maximum concession allowed by the Park Service in all land acquisition affecting the Park.

— 1949 —

In 1949 the National Park Service departed from the former plan of land acquisition and proceeded under authority of an Act of Congress to grant far more generous concessions in oil and minerals to private land owners whose lands were being or were to be acquired by the United States for Everglades National Park. The Act referred to in its applicable part is as follows:

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK—Title 16, Section 410 U.S.C.

§410e. Same; Acquisition of additional lands; reservation of oil, gas and mineral rights; reservation of royalty rights.

In order to consolidate the Federal ownership of lands within the boundary set forth in deed numbered 19035 exe-

cuted December 28, 1944, by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and accepted by the Secretary of the Interior on March 14, 1947, for Everglades National Park purposes, the said Secretary is authorized, within the aforesaid boundary and with any funds made available for that purpose, to procure lands or interests therein by purchase or otherwise subject, however, to the right of retention by owners of lands, interests in lands, interests in oil, gas and mineral rights, or royalties, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns (hereinafter referred to as "owners"), at their election, of the following:

(1) The reservation until October 9, 1958, of all oil, gas and mineral rights or interests, including the right to lease, explore for, produce, store, and remove gas, oil and other minerals from such lands; PROVIDED, That if on or before said date, oil, gas or other minerals are being produced in commercial quantities anywhere within the boundary set forth in aforesaid deed numbered 19035, then in that event the time of the reservation as set forth in this subsection shall automatically extend for all owners, regardless of whether such production is from land in which such owners have an interest, for so long as oil, gas, or other minerals are produced in commercial quantities anywhere within said boundary. To exercise this reservation, the owners, their lessees, agents, employees, and assigns shall have such rights of ingress and egress to and from such lands as may be necessary; and

(2) After the termination of the reserved rights of owners as set forth in subsection (1) of this section, a further reservation of the right to customary royalties, applying at the time of production, in any oil, gas or other minerals which may be produced from such lands at any time before January 1, 1985, should production ever be authorized by the Federal Government or its assigns.

§410F Same; Limitation of Federal action during reservation period.

Unless consented to by an owner retaining the reservation set forth in subsection (1) of section 410e of this title, no action shall be taken by the Federal Government during the period of such reservation to purchase, acquire, or otherwise terminate or interfere with any lease or leases which may be applicable to said owner's lands.

It will be noted that the Act of Congress is far more generous in its oil and mineral provisions toward private persons from whom the United States acquires land in the park with money supplied by the state than toward the state through conditions imposed by the Secretary of the Interior upon lands which the state granted without cost.

The 1949 Act of Congress gives to private owners the right till October 9, 1958, to all oil, gas and minerals including the right to lease, ex-

plore for, produce, store and remove oil and other minerals and to have ingress and egress, and in addition, if prior to or on that date oil, gas and other minerals are being produced in commercial quantities from anywhere in the 1944 boundary, the above mentioned rights shall be extended as to all owners so long as oil, gas or other minerals are being produced. Also, if oil is not produced by 1958 but after that date till 1985 oil, gas or minerals are produced under authority of the Federal Government, the private owner shall receive the customary royalty at time of production.

The unfavorable inequality imposed upon the state is greater than casually appears from the mere language expressing those conditions. Production by private persons from premises acquired from them by the United States, if such production borders upon land granted by the state, would draw oil and gas from nearby state land to its depletion and exhaustion, with no provision for sharing by the state.

Through the Act of Congress above referred to, agreements were entered into with private land owners whereby, in pursuance of Congressional Law, contractual relation has come into being which cannot be violated by downward adjustment to make private interests equal to state's interests. Nor would the Trustees desire such downward adjustment against private land owners, if permitted. The only practical way of bringing about equality and fairness would appear to be the revision upward of consideration for the state.

In view of contribution by the state of 2600 square miles, equal to 1,664,000 acres of its domain, part as a gift of land owned by the state and part acquired through the gift of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for acquisition by the United States of privately owned land, and the cooperation by the state all the way through in the Everglades National Park project, it would appear reasonable that the state is entitled to nowise less than that accorded others in connection with interests in oil, gas and other minerals.

— 1951 —

By letter of June 7, 1951, from Mr. Daniel B. Beard, Superintendent, Everglades National Park, request was made on behalf of the National Park Service as follows:

“The National Park Service respectfully requests approval by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of maximum Park boundaries as shown on the inclosed map. It also requests authorization for the conveyance of State-owned lands within this area upon the same conditions as lands were conveyed in 1944 to the United States for the Park. It is suggested that approval of the Board be contingent upon enabling legislation by Congress.”

On June 12, 1951, the Trustees adopted, omitting the WHEREAS clauses, the following Resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida that the proposed redefined maximum boundaries of Everglades National Park,

as shown on map attached to said letter of June 7, 1951, be and the same are hereby approved is so far as the interest of the State may appear, and that when said redefined boundaries shall have been adopted or authorized by the Congress of the United States, the said Trustees will convey to the United States land held by the State between said redefined boundaries and the present Park boundaries by deed in form and character similar to those heretofore executed by said Trustees in the conveyance of park lands to the United States."

It will be noted that the request from the National Park Service stated that—

"It is suggested that approval of the Board be contingent upon enabling legislation by Congress."

That suggestion is incorporated in the 1951 Resolution by the language—

"... when said redefined boundaries shall have been adopted or authorized by the Congress of the United States, the said Trustees will convey . . ."

The lands in the expanded area owned by the Trustees were not withdrawn from sale or other disposition. Whatever land was owned by the Trustees at the time the enabling Act of Congress became law, anticipated to be in the latter part of 1951, was then to be conveyed to the United States for Park purposes. No such Act of Congress adopting the 1951 boundary extension has resulted to this date.

— 1952 —

On August 12, 1952, the Trustees held a Hearing on certain aspects relating to oil in Everglades National Park. Mr. Conrad L. Wirth, Director of the National Park Service, and others representing that Service, were present. Reference was made to the 1949 Act of Congress affecting private land owners within Everglades National Park. Mr. Wirth stated, as quoted from the Minutes of the meeting, that the National Park Service was not in favor of the Bill passed by Congress in 1949; that they recommended against it and recited the arrangements with the state; also, that land had been purchased from other private parties with mineral rights and that the passage of the Act would put the department in the position of not playing fair.

The request of the Trustees that the state be placed on a basis not less favorable than that granted private land owners was rejected.

In reference to inquiry of the state regarding drilling on land owned by the state and conveyed to the United States within the Park, the Trustees were advised by letter dated June 23, 1952, from Hillary A. Tolson, Acting Director, National Park Service, to Governor Warren, in part, as follows:

"The National Park Service has no legal authority, nor does it desire legal authority, to permit the drilling for oil on lands within any National Park in circumstances such as those present in this case."

Also, in April 1952 Honorable Rivers H. Buford, under authority from the Trustees, conferred with the Secretary of the Interior on the proposition of permitting the state to be placed on an equal footing with private land owners under the 1949 Act of Congress. Judge Buford in his report to the Trustees dated April 25, 1952, stated, among other things, as follows:

"I am also certain that the Department of the Interior will not join in the request of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the Florida delegation in Congress that an act be passed authorizing the Trustees to exercise the same rights which were accorded to private land owners under the provisions of Public Law 340, Chapter 659, 81st Congress HR, 4029, copy of which you have, until such time as oil or gas is being produced in the commercial quantities in the area immediately adjoining the Everglades National Park area.

"After having finished my conference with the above named gentleman I had another conference with Senator Holland and he told me that after conference with Mr. Wirth and Mr. Doty he had reached the same conclusion which I have stated above but that he thinks if Commonwealth or any other explorer drill a well which produces oil or gas in commercial quantities immediately adjoining the Everglades Park area, that then the Department of the Interior will join in the request that Congress enact a law giving the state and other former owners the right and power to lease lands within the Everglades National Park area adjacent to such producing well or wells."

Further on the same subject, on May 7, 1952, Judge Buford, appearing before the Trustees, stated that at a recent conference with the Secretary of the Interior he "was informed that no change would be made unless oil in commercial quantities was produced on areas adjacent to the Park, in which event the Interior Department would be inclined to join the Trustees in requesting Congress to pass an Act authorizing return to the Trustees its right to lease those Park lands for oil and gas explorations." The lands referred to were in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of T. 54 S., R. 35 E., in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of T. 55 S., R. 35 E., and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of T. 55 S., R. 36 E., containing an aggregate of 33,600 acres, more or less, in Dade County, within the National Park boundaries. The lands were authorized to be advertised for lease, subject, however, to the condition that "such lease shall be executed and delivered only in the event the State of Florida receives due legal authority from the United States of America to lease said lands." Authority of the United States therefor was not given. Thereafter the matter of Everglades National Park rested in the status above described till January 1954.

— 1954 —

When it is recounted that from the adoption of the June 12, 1951, Resolution till January 19, 1954—more than two and one-half years had elapsed and nothing had been done by Congress toward carrying out that requested by the United States from the Trustees in 1951, to-wit: expanding park boundaries, and taking state lands, as set forth in said Resolution, the Trustees by Resolution bearing date January

19, 1954, adopted a Resolution rescinding the prior Resolution of 1951. Rescinding action was based on the proposition that conditions had changed in respect to Everglades National Park boundaries; that information before the Trustees was that changes in boundaries now anticipated did not conform to the boundaries referred to in the 1951 Resolution; that a different Resolution would have to be adopted when and if such boundaries were finally decided upon and made known to the Trustees; that there was absence of knowledge in reference to the lands to be included therein, what owned by the state and what privately owned; that the production of oil in commercial quantities on land owned by the state in the area immediately adjoining the Park had come about; and for returning the situation with respect to extended boundaries to a current status—the Trustees took action by Resolution as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior of the United States advised the Trustees by letter dated June 7, 1951, that it was proposed to ask Congress to pass an enabling act authorizing the expansion of Everglades National Park boundaries, and in view of anticipated affirmative action by Congress to enact such a law at the Fall term of that year, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund were requested to indicate approval of the proposed boundary extension and to agree that said Trustees would make available lands held by said Trustees for park purposes without cost to the United States; and

WHEREAS the Trustees on June 12, 1951, adopted a resolution in the premises, in which it was stated "that the proposed redefined maximum boundaries of Everglades National Park, as shown on map attached to said letter of June 7, 1951, be and the same are hereby approved in so far as the interest of the State may appear, and that when said redefined boundaries shall have been adopted or authorized by the Congress of the United States, the said Trustees will convey to the United States land held by the State between said redefined boundaries and the present Park boundaries by deed in form and character similar to those heretofore executed by said Trustees in the conveyance of Park lands to the United States," and

WHEREAS since the adoption of said resolution more than 2½ years have elapsed and there has been no action by Congress toward expanding said park boundaries, and so far as the Trustees have knowledge no such measure is now before Congress and none is now contemplated thereon; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that the resolution adopted by them as aforesaid be and the same is hereby vacated and rescinded and of no further effect as to Everglades National Park boundary exten-

sion or as to the lands held by the said Trustees affected thereby.

Copies of Resolution were promptly transmitted to the Senators and Representatives in Congress from Florida, and to the Secretary of the Interior.

The above Resolution returned anticipated expansion of the Park boundaries and the state owned lands to be included therein to the same status which prevailed prior to the adoption of the 1951 Resolution. It in no way indicated that the Trustees would not approve a future boundary expansion or withhold state land from conveyance to the United States for inclusion therein.

Senator Holland, while Governor of Florida from the beginning of 1941 through 1944, did much toward getting Everglades National Park under way and was conversant with that done prior to, during and subsequent to his administration. To bring him to date this office on January 29 forwarded to him at Washington six pounds of records, papers and instruments containing information relating to the Park.

Immediately following the action of the Trustees much interest arose. Comments were offered, both pro and con, concerning the adoption of said Resolution. Many mis-statements and much confusion arose from lack of understanding of the Trustees' action. For the purpose of giving first hand information and for affording opportunity for interested persons to make known their views on the subject, the Trustees decided to hold a public hearing, open to all. The Secretary of the Interior or his representatives were invited to be present, and likewise the Senators and Representatives in Congress from Florida.

On March 5 telegram from the Trustees, signed by the Engineer and Secretary, was sent to Honorable Spessard L. Holland, Senator from Florida, as follows:

"Trustees Internal Improvement Fund have fixed March 15 as tentative date for hearing on Everglades National Park matter and would like to know if that date is acceptable to Director Wirth, yourself and others who desire to come to Tallahassee for attendance upon discussion. If date not satisfactory, please suggest one acceptable at that end. Advise as soon as possible."

To the above no reply was received by the Engineer and Secretary, but I am informed that the Governor was advised that March 22 was an acceptable date. The Hearing was fixed for the latter date.

The next information which the Trustees have on the subject grew out of newspaper reports that the United States Department of the Interior had issued an Executive Order on March 12 expanding the boundaries of Everglades National Park. The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund not having been officially advised of the above, the Engineer and Secretary on March 15 directed a telegram to Honorable Spessard Holland as follows:

"Information here is that Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay signed an order March 12 expanding Everglades Na-

tional Park boundaries. Trustees Internal Improvement Fund desire accurate description or map of expanded park boundaries. Hope you can furnish same. Thank you."

In reply to the above, Senator Holland on same date wired as follows:

"Retel National Park Service has put in mail tonight copy of McKay's Executive Order and a map. Regards."

On Wednesday, March 17, map showing the boundaries of Everglades National Park including the boundaries of the added area and copy of the Executive Order of March 12, 1954, enlarging Everglades National Park, were received. Copy of Order, omitting the detailed description of the expanded boundaries, and photostat of the map of Everglades National Park showing the expanded boundaries are attached hereto. This office added to the map certain notations shown thereon.

Oil leases from the State which remained in effect since creation of the Park were to continue in force unaffected by inclusion of the leased land within the park area, but no oil drilling has been done on state leases in the park area, nor has necessary geophysical exploration as precedent to well location gone forward for the reason that such work requires large area coverage, including areas outside of leased premises in the park area. The carrying on of geophysical work on land not under lease was not permitted by the Park Service, and for that reason geophysical work for obtaining reliable information on sub-surface structure could not be obtained. A beginning on such work was at one time made, but had to be abandoned for denial of Park consent to enter upon or pass over non-lease land. That action by the Park Service is in effect, for all practical purposes, estoppel of those things contemplated to be performed under state oil leases in the park area.

The foregoing brings the subject down to date. It is much condensed. To have included everything which has transpired in connection with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, acting in their official capacity, relating to Everglades National Park for the past 25 years would require a volume of several hundred pages. That herein set forth covers as briefly as practicable the more important phases affecting Everglades National Park from December 1944 to March 17, 1954.

Respectfully submitted,
F. C. ELLIOT, Engineer and Secretary

Mr. Elliot further stated that the question that has arisen with reference to park boundaries probably turns around a resolution adopted by the Trustees in 1951, and a second resolution adopted January 19, 1954, rescinding the 1951 resolution, both of which resolutions were read.

Mr. Gray stated that he would like to recognize some of the guests present: Mrs. Spessard Holland, Senator Spessard Holland, and Mr. Conrad L. Wirth, Director, National Park Service, and Mr. Daniel B. Beard, Director Everglades National Park; that there were many

others he would like to mention but would not have the time.

Mr. Gray called on Senator Holland, who asked that Mr. Wirth be given first opportunity to speak.

Mr. Wirth read a prepared statement in which he reviewed briefly some of the history and legislative background of the Everglades National Park, starting in 1929 when Congress provided for investigation as to advisability of the park proposal; down to the establishment of the maximum boundaries in 1934; State legislative authority given the Trustees for conveyance of lands to the United States, with later authorization in 1943 for conveying reservations for oil, gas and other minerals, and conveyance of other land without reservations, as well as authority for exchanges between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education for making available school sections within the park area; the appropriation of \$2,000,000.00 for land acquisition by the Federal Government within the park and establishment of the park in June 1947 within the minimum park boundaries; the adoption by the Trustees of several resolutions; the extension of the park boundaries in February 1950, and the approval by the Governor of use by the Federal Government of approximately \$500,000.00 (remaining of the \$2,000,000.00) for land purchase within the extended boundaries; acceptance by the Trustees of deed from Collier Brothers of 32,000 acres outside of the park boundaries to be held in trust for park purposes; adoption of another resolution by the Trustees June 12, 1951, for further extension of the boundaries, which resolution was rescinded by the Trustees January 19, 1954. (Full statement of Mr. Wirth filed in the records of the Trustees.)

Mr. Wirth in closing urged that the Trustees reinstate the objectives and agreements of the June 12, 1951, resolution as a firm and continuing basis on which the park may be completed.

Governor Johns asked Mr. Wirth if the Federal Government intended paying for the privately owned land which, by executive order of the Secretary of the Interior, was included within the expanded boundaries of the park, to which Mr. Wirth replied that the Government would pay for the land.

Governor Johns also inquired as to the program for road building in the park, remarking that there was only one road about seven miles long going into the park from the north and the gates at the entrance were locked.

Mr. Wirth explained that the plans include building a road from Homestead to Flamingo and the development of camp grounds and also a water connection at the south end.

Attorney General remarked that the 1951 resolution was adopted contingent upon an act being passed by Congress enlarging the boundaries of the Park, and the Trustees wondered why that act was not passed; it was understood that it would take an act of Congress before the boundaries could be enlarged.

Mr. Wirth replied that the Act of 1934 gave the Secretary of the Interior authority to extend the park boundaries anywhere within

lines that might be agreed upon, and the order of March 12 extending the boundaries was in compliance with law.

Mr. Ervin stated that when this resolution was passed it was expected that the expansion would be pursuant to Act of Congress.

Mr. Wirth stated that he could see where there might be some confusion.

Mr. Ervin asked Mr. Wirth what his department had reference to in asking for an Act of Congress.

Mr. Wirth stated that they desired additional legislation to extend the park west of the Town of Everglades and another tract to the northeast because those areas are beyond the boundaries authorized by the Act of 1934, and that was what was referred to in the correspondence in reference to getting an Act by Congress.

Attorney General Ervin remarked that it was his impression, and he thought of the other members also, that it would be unconstitutional to extend the boundaries without Congressional Act and that he agreed to the 1951 resolution on that basis; that the Trustees heard nothing further on the subject and after approximately two and a half years elapsed, and the prospects for oil in that area being very promising, he felt it was perfectly in order for the Trustees not to be committed, not with any idea of not working with the Federal Government on the park matter; that he feels this situation can be worked out.

Mr. Wirth stated his department felt it should have been consulted before the 1951 resolution was rescinded by the Trustees; that if the Park Service had known about it before the action taken in January the whole matter could have been ironed out.

Upon inquiry from the Comptroller as to why the Secretary of the Interior waited until last week to issue the order expanding the park boundaries, Mr. Wirth explained that the order had been prepared and placed on the Secretary's desk since last November, but he desired to visit the park before making final decision; that he did not get to Florida until in January of this year and the order was signed March 12.

Upon question from the Governor as to whether the National Park Service expects the Trustees to donate State lands within the expanded area, Mr. Wirth stated that they hoped the State would; that certainly the Collier County lands would be conveyed since the Collier interests deeded them to the Trustees to be held in trust for the park.

Mr. Gray inquired if the balance of the Two Million Dollars appropriation from the State—(approximately \$350,000.00)—would be used to acquire privately owned lands, to which Mr. Wirth replied that it would be used for that purpose; that when the boundary lines were established during the administrations of Governor Holland and Governor Caldwell it was known that other extensions would come later and he feels that the Park Service has stayed within the agreements with the State. He estimated that the new boundaries will take in about

271,000 acres, of which about 59,000 acres of land and water belong to the State; the Federal Government has purchased about 30,000 acres and about 10,000 acres had been donated by Collier Corporation; private interests own approximately 172,000 acres.

Mr. Ben R. Shiver, protesting expansion of the park boundaries, asked Mr. Wirth if the Park service planned to construct roads from the proposed northwest entrance down the west side of the park, to which Mr. Wirth replied that there would probably be an inland waterway down the west side of the park and people can take the road entrance from the other side.

Mr. Thomas H. Anderson of Miami, Florida, asked if the National Park Service has any money other than the balance from the State Donation of Two Million Dollars to acquire land in the expanded area.

Mr. Wirth answered that there were no other funds; that there is a prohibition for funds appropriated by Congress to be used for land acquisition.

Mr. Anderson called attention to recent articles which stated that unless money was made available for National Parks, some of the parks would have to be closed. Mr. Wirth replied that he didn't think there was any danger of any National Park closing.

United States Senator Holland was introduced and reviewed the history of Everglades National Park during his administration as Governor and on through succeeding administrations; calling attention to the various commitments made by the Trustees, the resolutions adopted by the Trustees calling for donations of land and money; releasing of oil and mineral reservations on lands conveyed by the State for the park and agreements between the State and the National Park Service as to future leases; the rights of outstanding leases within the park boundaries; the thorough understanding by the Trustees and their agreement that it was contemplated in the future that the park boundaries would be expanded from time to time, this having been provided for by Congressional Act of 1934; that special permission was received from the State for use of part of the Two Million Dollars balance for purchase of the Patten tract; acceptance by the Trustees of title from Collier interests to land to be held in trust for the Park and to be transferred when the boundaries shall have been expanded.

Senator Holland took the position that by acceptance of deed in trust from the Colliers, the adoption by the Trustees of the resolution dated June 12, 1951, and by other understandings and agreements between the Park Service and the Trustees, the State of Florida was not living up to its part of the agreement when, on January 19, 1954, the Trustees adopted a resolution rescinding the June 12, 1951, resolution; that the Park Service was not consulted prior to action taken in January and had no information on the subject until receipt of a letter from the Secretary of the Trustees after the resoluton was adopted.

Senator Holland stressed the necessity for a northern entrance to the park and urged that the Trustees take such action as will enable the extension of the park along the coast where critical areas are affected.

Attorney General Ervin made the observation that when the Park Service in 1951 requested approval from the Governor for use of a portion of the unexpended Two Million Dollars, there was no explanation as to what land was being purchased or that it was outside the park boundaries; that as to the Collier lands, the Trustees agreed as a matter of convenience to hold title to said lands until such time as Congress passed an Act expanding the park boundaries; that since Congress failed to pass any such Act he did not feel the Trustees should be bound by the resolution of June 1951; that the Trustees understood the bill was being offered in Congress and had no further information on the subject until action was taken by the Trustees in January of this year.

Mr. Ervin asked Senator Holland if he didn't think the Trustees would be justified in asking Congress to give the State the same rights as granted to private land owners by the 1949 Congressional Act, to which Senator Holland replied, in substance, that the Trustees would be within their rights in asking the delegation in Congress to take the matter up, but did not think it would pass; that the Governor, the Trustees and the Legislature thought it was best to have the park, and that he thinks the park will be more valuable to the State than the oil; also, that he feels the matter can be worked out and that there is room for negotiation.

Senator Smathers was introduced and stated that he goes along with Senator Holland in his views on the subject and he feels sure the differences can be worked out by conferences; that he feels the greatest good will come from development of the park in preference to possible discovery of oil within the boundaries of the park; that approximately 75% of the park area is already under oil leases and those areas can be explored; that there are vast areas bordering the park that can be developed and he feels there is no room for complaint; that privately owned land has right until 1985 and the State is protected and will get its share of the royalty.

Mr. Anderson asked Senator Smathers if he was aware of the fact that the Park Superintendent refused to allow holders of leases in the park area to go on land for the purpose of making geophysical exploration and as a result it has been impossible to carry on this work.

Senator Smathers replied that he certainly thinks the lease holders should be given permission to go on the land and have ample opportunity to determine what they have as far as oil is concerned.

The meeting recessed for lunch, to reconvene at 1:30 P.M.

Secretary of State Gray called the meeting to order after the lunch recess, and requested that each speaker be as brief as possible.

The following parties were heard on the subject:

Mrs. Helen Sullivan, Chairman Wildlife Federation, representing Committee on Wildlife Affairs, spoke on the wildlife feature of the park, stating that her organization stands for protection of natural resources.

Mrs. Mary McDougal Axelson, representing Mr. Lee A. McDougal and other members of the McDougal family, spoke in protest of expansion of the park boundaries.

Senator Smathers asked that he and Senator Holland be excused from the meeting as they have been requested to return to Washington on the next plane for important matters coming before Congress.

Mr. Gray thanked the Senators for coming down for the meeting today.

Dr. E. Lunsford spoke in opposition to expansion of the park boundaries and urged that the Trustees stand by the resolution of January 1954; stating that Florida has not broken faith with the National Park Service or anyone connected with it. Mr. Ira C. Haycock of Miami, representing land owners in the locality of the Park, protested expansion of the boundaries and commended the Trustees for action taken in rescinding the June 12, 1951 resolution, and stated that he would give the right of way for a northern entrance to the park, pointing out on the map an area in the vicinity of Ten Thousand Islands.

Mr. Joel W. Hopkins of Granville, Illinois, approved action taken by the Trustees January 19, 1954, and protested further expansion of the park boundaries and urged that the Trustees stand by the resolution of January 1954.

Mr. Raymond Burr, Attorney of Miami, Florida, representing Mr. H. P. Rutherford and Mangrove Producers, Inc., called attention to the Mangrove Lease recently issued by the Trustees in favor of Mr. Rutherford, for which lease the Park Service has criticised the Trustees. He commended the Trustees for rescinding the June 1951 resolution and suggested that the Trustees ask for redefining of the park boundaries and withdrawing the 1934 boundaries.

Mr. H. P. Rutherford, Homestead, Florida, approves action taken by Trustees and protests expansion of park boundaries. He explained the plans of his company for producing cow feed from mangrove along the coast; that research along this line has been going on for some time and statement from John W. Davis of the University of Florida is that four hundred thousand tons of cow feed can be produced from the mangrove along the coast of Florida.

Dr. Monte M. Wladam of Greenville, South Carolina, introduced by Mr. Raymond Burr, spoke briefly on the subject of development of mangrove products.

Mr. Frank J. Pepper, property owner, tax payer and citizen of Miami, Dade County, protests expansion of park boundaries.

Mr. Alfred Caivel, General Manager of Miami Chamber of Commerce, protested expansion of the park boundaries, stating that if all the proposed areas were taken into the park it would mean 53 percent of all land in Dade County was within the park; that increased urban residential areas, increase in farming and cattle raising will require all land in Dade County. He urged that before the Trustees approve any expansion, the Dade County Commissioners be contacted; that he

feels an agreement can be reached with the present administration in Washington and he is anxious to keep the land in private enterprises rather than being taken over by the Federal Government. It is estimated that the Federal Government owns 25 per cent of all land in the United States.

Mr. Ivar Axelson spoke in protest of park expansion, stating that the expanded boundaries will take 6500 acres of Dade County, 10,000 acres of Collier County, and 4,000 acres in Monroe County; that the park now had 60 per cent of all waterfront property South of Miami and Everglades City, representing about 2400 miles including indentations. He submitted a soil map of South Florida and pointed out fine agricultural lands already in the park area, ranging in value from \$15.00 to \$200.00 per acre.

Mr. E. E. Dixon, representing the Air Boat Association of Miami, protested the park expansion and recommended that the boundaries be cut back.

Mr. J. E. DeWolf of Miami protested expansion of the park and endorsed the recommendations of Mr. Dixon.

Mr. P. M. Bowen protested expansion of the park and stated that as a citizen and big tax-payer he stands behind the Trustees in action taken rescinding the June 12, 1951 resolution.

Mr. John C. Cooper protested expansion of the park and endorsed the action taken by the Trustees.

Mr. George Downie protested expansion of the park.

Mr. Hugh R. Wilson, representing the Sportsman's Group of South Florida, stated that he was against any more land being included within the park boundaries.

Mr. Ben R. Shiver of Miami, Florida, 13th District Veterans of Foreign Wars, Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties, submits resolution from his organization and called attention to the road into the park from the northwest entrance and stated that if it was not intended that a road be built within the park, there would be no necessity for taking in land on the northwest side.

Mr. George Coury of Miami, registered his protest at enlargement of the park boundaries; that he feels one and a half million acres is sufficient land for a park; that he does not oppose the park but thinks it is large enough.

Mr. J. A. Franklin of Fort Myers, Florida, representing the lower west coast of Florida, the City of Fort Myers, and the Chamber of Commerce of Fort Myers, stated that some of what has been said is beside the point; that the question is whether or not the Trustees will convey approximately twenty-two thousand acres of State land to the National Park Service; that the West Coast, from Tampa to Dade County, is vitally interested in completion of the park; that the agencies he represents have passed resolutions asking for conveyance to

the park service and they are hopeful that at this meeting the conveyance can be made.

Mr. D. C. Jones, Jr., representative in the Legislature from Collier County, called attention to the 32,000 acres donated by Collier interests, and urged that the Trustees carry out its agreement with the Federal Government.

Mr. Roy Smith, Mayor of Naples, Florida, stated that he was very much interested in having the northwest entrance to the park.

Mr. Ed Scott, representing the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County, stated that his county was interested in the getting of the northwest entrance to the park, and he feels that the differences brought up today can be worked out without too much difficulty.

Mr. Fred C. Peterson, Jr., representative in the Legislature from Pinellas County, stated that the tourist trade is very important to the west coast and they would like very much to have access to the park from the west coast, but he does not approve giving all the land requested by the Federal Government.

Mr. J. L. McCord, Vice-President Commonwealth Oil Company, Miami, Florida, stated that he would yield his time for land owners to express their views.

Mr. Mark L. Grossman stated he desired to ask Senator Holland and Mr. Wirth some questions, but since they were not here, he would yield his time to some one else.

Messrs. Fred Vanderpool and C. D. Hite yielded their time to others.

Mr. Thomas H. Anderson, attorney of Miami, stated that he could not find anything in the record that would indicate the Trustees have broken any agreement with the Federal Government and feels they had a perfect right to adopt the resolution of January 19, 1954, and thinks they should stand by it.

Mr. Harry Simonhoff, representing himself and other land owners in Dade County, protests expansion of the park or the taking in of any land in Dade County; stated that he has owned land in the park area since 1924 and most of it is considered good agricultural land; that the Government paid only \$4.60 an acre for the land which they had been offered \$50.00 for and he does not want to give up the remaining land he now owns; that the land will not be developed but remain in its present state and will be lost for any use by private individuals.

Mr. Ray L. Parker commends the Trustees for their action and states that they will be backed up in what they have done by every one in South Florida.

Mr. Walter E. Bartels protests expansion of the park and approves action taken by the Trustees January 19, 1954.

Mr. Carl W. Hawkins, representing Model Land Company, protests expansion of the park. He stated that his company agreed to sell the Federal Government two hundred and ten thousand acres without condemnation proceedings with the understanding that one-half the

oil and mineral rights would be retained; that they are against the proposed expansion of the park to take 275,000 acres of land for the western entrance; that part of this land is good farming land and should not be in the park.

Mr. J. P. Simmons, representing large property owners in Dade County, one of which paid \$100,000.00 for a tract of land and sold off 2,000 acres for from \$18.00 to \$35.00 per acre—Federal Government condemned some of the same character of land for \$3.25 per acre with owner reserving the oil rights—protests any expansion of the park as too much of the back land of Dade County has been taken in, which is depriving Dade County of its opportunity to grow and develop those back lands. He stated that he is for the park, but feels it should be reduced and pointed out on the map what will be left of Monroe and Dade Counties if the park is expanded as proposed by the National Park Service.

Mr. O. S. Thacker of Kissimmee states that he is behind the Trustees on the stand they have taken; thinks the park is too large now and should be cut down; definitely opposed to enlargement; what the state needs is more bean fields and more oil fields if they can be found.

Mr. Hugh Wilson gave a statement as to the approximate cost for a family to visit the park, requiring an over-night trip, as \$100.00.

Judge Rivers Buford stated that he protested enlargement of the park and favored trying to get Congress to give the state the same consideration as to oil rights that they gave to private owners; that he fails to see where the Federal Government can claim that it would be a breach of faith to ask the same consideration for the state that private individuals have.

All parties who desired having been heard, Chairman Gray stated that he would like to ask Governor Johns to make any statement he wished.

Governor Johns thanked Mr. Gray for presiding over the meeting and thanked the interested citizens over the state for appearing before the meeting today and advising the Trustees of their views on the park situation; that the Trustees will take the matter under advisement and reach a decision as soon as possible; that he as one member is against any expansion of Everglades National Park; that he favors an effort on the part of State Officials to go to Washington and get oil rights back that were given to the Federal Government; that as long as he is Governor he will do all he can to get these oil rights back in the State and stop expansion of the park boundaries; that he feels it will be detrimental to the state, and especially to Dade County, with its estimated growth to a population of two million people, to have all that land taken over by the park.

The Governor assured representatives from Collier County and Lee County that he is not against the western entrance into the park and

feels that the Trustees will do what they can to see that accomplished.

The meeting was adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

March 23, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund dated February 23, 1954, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells stated that he wished to discuss with the Trustees the construction placed on oil and gas leases 224-A, 224-B and 248 held by Coastal Petroleum Company; that on March 9, 1954, application was presented from Mr. John R. Parkinson for lease to mine what are generally termed heavy minerals, on Lake George in Putnam, Volusia, Lake and Marion Counties. The Trustees agreed to advertise the lease for objections and Coastal Petroleum Company has protested the granting of said lease, claiming that these minerals are covered by their leases 224-A, 224-B and 248. Mr. Wells stated that the Attorney General rendered an opinion on this subject October 6, 1953, which in part is as follows:

"There is uncertainty by reason of the said resolution of March 6, 1951, as to what minerals are and what minerals are not included in the said leases as augmented by the said resolution. It seems evident from the said resolution that there was an intention of adding one or more minerals, other than oil, gas and sulphur, to those expressly mentioned in the said

leases numbered 224-A, 224-B and 248. It may be that the Trustees should by further resolution clarify their said resolution of March 6, 1951, so that the same will more clearly set out the minerals intended to be brought under the said leases, other than oil, gas and sulphur."

Also, a resolution was adopted by the Trustees March 6, 1951, which provided for allowance of credit to Coastal Petroleum Company for drilling other minerals than oil and gas. Mr. Wells recommended that since a question has arisen as to what minerals, other than oil, gas and sulphur were included within the purview of the Resolution adopted on March 6, 1951, relative to Drilling Lease Contracts 224-A, 224-B and 248, as modified, that a resolution be adopted to clarify the situation.

Mr. Larson expressed the view that it was never intended that Coastal's leases include heavy minerals such as zircon, rutile, ilmenite and monazite, but only such minerals as were found by drilling operations. This position was borne out by investigation from a legal standpoint and also from the report of the State Geologist. Mr. Larson stated that he wanted to make his position perfectly clear that it was never his understanding, and he believed the other members felt the same way, that these heavy minerals were included in Coastal's leases and that he would emphatically oppose any such construction being put on the leases; that he would approve adoption of a resolution, without prejudice of Coastal's rights, that would make it clear that these heavy minerals were not included in oil and mineral leases; that when this resolution of March 6, 1951, was presented it was for the express purpose of allowing any footage drilled for minerals other than oil and gas to be credited on leases 224-A, 224-B and 248 and that there was never any thought or suggestion that surface mining for the heavy minerals would be included.

Mr. Wells called attention to the fact that the offer of ten per cent (10%) of the production, or the market value of such minerals was evidence that Coastal did not believe their leases covered heavy minerals as such price would be prohibitive.

Other members of the board expressed themselves as having understood that the resolution of March 6, 1951, did not have reference to the heavy minerals, but only those minerals that would be produced from drilling operations.

The following resolution was offered for adoption:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, We, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, entered into three oil, gas and sulphur leases with the Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc., a Florida Corporation, to wit:

Drilling Lease No. 248, dated December 19, 1944, embracing about 660,736 acres of sovereignty lands;

Drilling Lease No. 224-A, dated December 27, 1944, em-

bracing about 1,936,100 acres of sovereignty lands (subsequently adjusted to about 688,660 acres); and,

Drilling Lease No. 244-B, dated March 27, 1946, embracing about 1,974,360 acres of sovereignty lands (subsequently adjusted to about 745,560 acres).

And,

WHEREAS, the corporate name of the Arnold Oil Explorations was subsequently changed to Coastal Petroleum Company; and,

WHEREAS, on March 6, 1951, the following action was taken:

The Engineer and Secretary stated that under Contracts 224-A, 224-B and 248, as modified, with Coastal Petroleum Company, the company had to date drilled for the primary purpose of discovering oil and gas, but that it was contemplated that there might be occasion to drill for other minerals and it was desired to make provision for the crediting of footage under the said contracts in case of such drilling, and also to make provision for the rate of royalty in case of production of other minerals.

After discussion, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

BE IT RESOLVED that in the event wells should be drilled under Contracts 224-A, 224-B and 248, as modified, for discovery of minerals other than oil, gas or sulphur, the footage of such wells shall be credited against required footage for wells drilled under said contract, provided that such wells are drilled to a minimum depth of one thousand (1000) feet, or to a lesser depth if the desired minerals are discovered and produced in commercial quantities from a lesser depth, and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that in the event minerals other than oil, gas and sulphur are produced under the said contracts, the lessee shall pay to the Trustees as royalty thereon ten (10) per cent of the production, or the market value of such minerals.

The Secretary was requested to furnish certified copy of the above resolution to Coastal Petroleum Company for making a part of their contracts, and to have a copy attached to the copy of leases filed in the Land Office.

And,

WHEREAS, the question has now arisen as to what minerals, other than oil, gas and sulphur, are included within the purview of the said resolution of March 6, 1951, which

provides for the drilling of wells "for discovery of minerals other than oil, gas and sulphur . . ."; and,

WHEREAS, we are reliably informed that minerals commercially produced from wells "include halite (common table salt) and other natural soluble salts; petroleum and petroleum products; gas, including petroleum, helium and rarely others such as carbon dioxide; sulphur; and brines from which borax and borates, alum, epsomite and rare elements are extracted and concentrated." That the same are the only mineral substances commercially produced from wells. That rutile, ilmenite, zircon and other metallic bearing minerals are not produced from well borings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that under the said resolution of March 6, 1951, the said drilling lease agreements above mentioned were amended to include halite (common table salt) and other natural soluble salts, petroleum and petroleum products, gas, including petroleum, helium and rarely others such as carbon dioxide, sulphur, and brines from which borax and borates, alum, epsomite and rare elements are extracted and concentrated, but said amendment did not include rutile, ilmenite, zircon and other metallic bearing minerals.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Ervin, that the Resolution be adopted.

Mr. Julius Parker, representing Coastal Petroleum Company, asked to be heard before action was taken on the motion, which request was granted.

Mr. Parker made substantially the following comments: That he did not have knowledge that this matter was coming before the Trustees at this time and did not see the proposed resolution until only a few minutes before the meeting; that his company definitely thought they had the right to explore for these heavy minerals under their leases and when lease was authorized on Lake George they naturally protested such action; that Coastal is spending thousands of dollars at this time having geologists with the latest equipment make tests to find where these minerals might be found; that they would not be going to that expense if they did not think they had leases covering those minerals.

Attorney General Ervin expressed the view that the Trustees have made numerous concessions to assist Coastal over the period of years since the leases have been in existence; that they have allowed credit on Coastal's leases for footage drilled under leases of other companies in order to give them every advantage possible; that they now suggest the Trustees stop granting leases to others as they have control over these minerals; that the Trustees contend that the protest is not valid.

Mr. Gay suggested that if Coastal's investigations develop any areas where the heavy minerals are located, the company may make application to lease and it will be given consideration the same as any other

applicant; that the proposed resolution is without prejudice to the company and they can come in and submit a proposal to the Trustees.

Attorney General Ervin moved the previous question.

Vote was called for on motion made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin, for adoption of the resolution, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. F. C. Petersen submitted an offer of \$75.00 an acre for purchase of Government Lot 2, Section 23, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, containing 10 acres, more or less, in Lee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the lot for competitive bids starting at \$75.00 an acre.

Mr. Oliver Siegfried offered \$100.00 an acre for 1.33 acres of lake bottom land adjacent to his upland property in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance to Mr. Siegfried without advertisement.

Mr. David P. Wollowick offers \$100.00 an acre for 0.42 of an acre of submerged land in Old Tampa Bay, adjacent to his upland property in Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, based on offer from Mr. Wollowick.

Mr. George S. Brockway submitted offer of \$100.00 an acre, on behalf of James A. Bowers, for purchase of 0.55 of an acre of submerged land in Boca Ratones Lagoon, Section 33, Township 46 South, Range 43 East, also, an offer of \$100.00 an acre, on behalf of Lori Lisa, Inc., for purchase of 2.75 acres of submerged land in Boca Ratones Lagoon, Section 16, Township 47 South, Range 43 East, both in Palm Beach County, Florida. In each case the applicant is the adjoining upland owner.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise for objections only the two parcels of land applied for by Mr. Brockway, on behalf of his clients, based on the offers made.

Mr. J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of Ralph and Mary Owens, made application to purchase 0.8 of an acre of submerged land in front of their upland property in Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections only, as required by law, provided applicant will agree to pay \$100.00 an acre for the land.

Request was presented from the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County for five-year renewal of Permit No. 614 authorizing dredging fill material from an area in Biscayne Bay in the vicinity of Virginia Key, for the purpose of filling public lands. It was explained that the permit contains a clause which allows Dade County to renew, provided the material so dredged is used for proper public purposes. The county now contemplates filling a portion of Virginia Key, lying in Township 54 South, Range 42 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve renewal of the permit for a term of five years, conditioned that the material removed is used for public purposes only.

Mr. W. R. Clements, on behalf of George D. Waters and wife, made application to purchase 0.47 of an acre of submerged land adjoining their upland property in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections only, as required by law, conditioned upon applicant making an offer of \$100.00 an acre for the land.

Mr. C. E. Freeman submitted application for mineral lease on certain areas located in Townships 1, 2 and 3 South, and Townships 1, 2 and 3 North, Ranges 28 and 29 East, in Duval, Nassau and St. Johns Counties. He offers \$1.00 per long ton for all minerals such as titanium, ilmenite, zircon, rutile and monazite and accessory and associated minerals mined. Applicant requests two-year exploratory term and a five-year primary term following completion of exploration period, and so long thereafter as minerals are being produced, with monthly payments of \$25.00 and surety bond in amount of \$10,000.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of lease to Mr. Freeman under the terms and conditions outlined.

Mr. James E. Connor, State Senator from Inverness, Florida, came before the Trustees with reference to a condition existing in Lake Tsala Apopka, Citrus County. He explained that certain parties erected dikes in the lake without permit from the United States Engineers. Upon protest from interested citizens in that locality requesting that the work be stopped, it was represented that application was

made to the United States for permit; that hearings have been held on the subject and those protesting greatly outnumber the proponents. Recently owing to heavy rains five or six of the dikes have been washed away, and request is that if application is made to the Trustees for permit, that he (Senator Connor) be notified and given an opportunity to be heard before action is taken. Senator Connor represents parties opposing construction of dikes and dams in the lake.

Mr. Elliot stated that he has some information on the subject and will be prepared to report on the matter at an early date.

Senator Connor was assured that he would be given opportunity to be heard before any further action is taken on the subjeect.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla No. 9, Martin County, that the Trustees grant permission to occupy a small island or a suitable site at St. Lucie Inlet to be used in connection with Coast Guard work.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize lease on a yearly basis, with payment of \$1.00 per annum, on one of four small islands in St. Lucie Inlet to be selected by the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Telegram was presented from Mr. J. B. Hendry requesting that the Trustees allow him to purchase, without competitive bidding, 40 acres of land in Glades County being advertised for bids to be received April 6, 1954, or that the sale be delayed to sometime in May as he will be out of the state on date of sale.

Mr. Elliot explained that title to this land vested in the Trustees through settlement with Everglades Drainage District and is being advertised on application from Mr. Joseph Kelleher.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees decline to postpone date of sale, or allow sale without competitive bidding as requested by Mr. Hendry.

Mr. E. D. Elrod of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, representing Petty Geophysical Engineering Company who is making a seismograph survey for Shell Oil Company, requests permission from the Trustees to carry on a seismograph survey on lands title to which is in the Trustees, in Broward County, part not under contract but other parcels are under purchase contracts held by several parties.

Mr. Elliot suggested that if the request is granted, permit be issued subject to the usual provisions for protection of the land, and for holding the Trustees harmless for any damage caused by said operations; also, that it will be necessary that the contract holders join with the Trustees in permit covering land under the respective contracts.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and

adopted, that the Trustees authorize permit to applicants under terms and conditions as suggested by Mr. Elliot.

Request was presented from Commonwealth Oil Company that the Trustees adopt a resolution for the purpose of supplementing action taken March 2, 1954, in connection with oil well drilled on land in Township 54 South, Range 35 East, Dade County, said well being known as No. 1 Wisehart-State Board of Education and located in the vicinity of 40-Mile Bend.

The proposed resolution was read and discussed, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE
INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

WHEREAS, by motion duly adopted on May 19, 1953, the Trustees agreed to allow drilling credit to be applied to State Leases 340-340A and 730 for the footage to be drilled in a well located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, Township 54 South, Range 35 East, in consideration of an assignment to the State of Florida of certain overriding royalty interests, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the said motion a well now known as "Gulf Oil Corporation, et al #1 Wisehart-State Board of Education", was drilled by Commonwealth Oil Company, et al, under the belief that it was located as specified in said motion and was accepted by the Trustees as being so located, and

WHEREAS, by resolution duly adopted by the Trustees on November 24, 1953, the drilling of the said well was accepted as being in full satisfaction of the Lessee's current obligations under State Lease 340-340A, and

WHEREAS, since the completion of the said well, some question has arisen as to the exact location of the said well with respect to the boundaries of the unsurveyed Section 16 of Township 54 South, Range 35 East, and

WHEREAS, in any event the well is located substantially at the location specified in the aforesaid motion and resolution, if not at the exact location specified therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida that in order to set at rest any question as to the acceptance of the location of the said well by the Trustees, it is hereby declared that for all purposes of the said motion of May 19, 1953, and of the said resolution of November 24, 1953, and as supplementing Trustees Internal Improvement Fund resolution of March 2, 1954 as it relates to a resolution of same date by the State Board of Education as said resolution

affects Wisehart-State Board of Education well, the said well is accepted as being at the location specified therein irrespective of whether or not the said well is actually at that exact location.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Bay	3-5-54	6
Citrus	3-15-54	3
Marion	3-1-54	1
Martin	3-15-54	3
Taylor	3-15-54	2
Union	3-8-54	1
Volusia	3-1-54	7

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve for execution and delivery the following correction deeds which have been approved for issuance by the Attorney General's office:

County of Hillsborough Deed No. 395—Supplemental—Corrective to City of Temple Terrace, to correct part of description in Deed No. 395 dated Dec. 2, 1940, to same grantee.
 County of Dade Deed No. 03—Chapter 21684—Supplemental—Corrective to City of Hialeah, to correct part of the description in Deed No. 03—Ch. 21684 dated Sept. 26, 1944, to same grantee.

Jefferson County Board of Public Instruction requested that the Trustees reconsider action taken March 2, 1954, fixing a price of \$75.00 for conveyance to the county of Lot 5, Block 7, and Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 9, Florida Land and Abstract Company's Addition to Monticello, and convey the lots without cost, the land to be used as a location for a colored school.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees rescind action of March 2, 1954, and authorize conveyance of said lots to Jefferson County upon payment of \$50.00, with subsequent conveyance to be made by the county to the County School Board, under the provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943.

Mr. James E. Bartlett, Pastor of Haines City Methodist Church,

requested that the Trustees make contribution toward the proposed amphitheater for Haines City park.

Mr. Elliot explained that the Trustees have no authority to make donations of this kind but suggested that something might be worked out for the city to make application for purchase under Chapter 21684 of Polk County Murphy Act land at a price to be agreed upon, and the city could in turn dispose of the property and apply the proceeds to the amphitheater project.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be requested to try and work out a plan in line with his suggestion and when completed that the matter be again submitted to the board for action.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Baker, Bay, and Lake Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vest no title in the state to the land covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

March 30, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated March 9 and 16, 1954, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

March 30, 1954

Attorney General Ervin reported that litigation in connection with sale of Broward County land has been settled and both parties are in agreement. The controversy involves land, the sale of which was considered by the Trustees at the meeting March 4, 1952, and June 3, 1952, on application from Mr. George W. Leaird and Mr. Thomas O. Berryhill, attorneys for Abraham Dreier, K. Bernard Weissman, Samuel Friedberg and Samuel Backer, with offer of \$300.00 an acre. The land comprises 4.08 acres, more or less, in Section 13, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, being a portion of the former New River Sound. By resolution of the Trustees June 3, 1952, the Trustees rejected application from Roberta S. B. Horton and Rachel T. Beaty to purchase approximately 3 acres of this area and also overruled the objections filed by them to the application of Messrs. Dreier, Weissman, Friedberg and Backer; also, action was taken at the same time that unless proceedings in court were started within thirty (30) days, the Trustees would deliver deed to clients of Leaird and Berryhill conveying the 4.08 acres.

The Attorney General further stated that he has gone over the case and it is ready for deed to be delivered as authorized June 3, 1952.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that deed be delivered to Messrs. Dreier, Weissman, Friedberg and Backer as all records show that the litigation has been terminated by stipulation signed by all parties at interest.

Mr. Wells reported that Bernard M. Shotkin has requested refund of amount paid in cash on purchase of 224.04 acres of land in Section 3, Township 45 South, Range 41 East, Palm Beach County, for which he made the high bid of \$38.00 an acre at sale on March 2, 1954; that he claims he did not have the knowledge of the reservation for right of way but the records show that he did have such information prior to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that Mr. Shotkin be advised that if he fails to go through with the contract, the payment made by him will be forfeited and in the future he will not be allowed to bid on lands offered for sale by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Ward and Ward of Miami, Florida, on behalf of Mr. R. W. Craig, offers \$275.00 for a strip of land 20' x 600' adjacent to tract previously purchased and paralleling Overseas Road and Toll Bridge District property. The land is assumed to be in Section 30, Township 64 South, Range 36 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offer from applicant.

Mr. Wells submitted the following applications for bay bottom, submerged and semi-submerged land adjacent to upland property of applicants:

Mr. Paul E. Sawyer of Key West, on behalf of F. P. Sadowski Corporation, offers \$100.00 an acre for 89.18 acres of bay bottom land in Section 5, Township 66 South, Range 33 East, Monroe County;

Mr. J. Y. Porter of Key West, on behalf of Hugh Parks Brown, Jr., and wife, offers \$200.00 an acre for 0.52 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to upland property in Hilton Haven S/D, Section No. 2, on the Island of Key West, Monroe County;

Mr. W. R. Clements, on behalf of Verne L. Udell and wife, applies for 1.18 acres of filled, semi-submerged and submerged land adjacent to upland property in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County; price of \$100.00 an acre suggested; and

Mr. Al W. Furen, on behalf of Harold W. Elgin and wife, offers \$250.00 an acre for 0.076 of an acre of submerged land in front of upland property in Section 36, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land described in the four applications advertised for objections only, as required by law, based on offers submitted and recommended price for sale.

Mr. Hiram Faver, on behalf of the County Commissioners of St. Johns County, makes application for right of way deed for road purposes across certain state owned land in unsurveyed portions of Section 32, Township 7 South, Range 30 East, and Sections 4 and 5, Township 8 South, Range 30 East, St. Johns County. It was explained that the property owners in that area have requested the County Commissioners to open a road through these sections.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize deed in favor of St. Johns County for the 100-foot right of way requested, conditioned that should the land described ever be abandoned for road purposes, then title shall automatically revert to the Trustees; also conditioned that said county shall not have the right or authority to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the property described.

Mr. Fritz Stein, on behalf of Wedgeworth and Stein, makes application for ten-year lease on Section 31, Township 43 South, Range

38 East, Palm Beach County, payments to be on a graduated scale as follows:

First Year	—	No rental payments
Second Year	—	\$2.00 per acre
Third Year	—	3.00 " "
Fourth Year	—	3.50 " "
Fifth Year	—	4.00 " "
Sixth Year	—	4.50 " "
Seventh Year	—	4.50 " "
Eighth Year	—	4.50 " "
Ninth Year	—	4.50 " "
Tenth Year	—	4.50 " "

with first rental payment to be made July 1, 1955.

Mr. Elliot stated that lessees will provide reclamation works and necessary improvements on the land for farming; that in the preparation of said lease it should be specified that at the end of the ten-year period, all improvements not of a movable nature placed by lessees on the land will become the property of the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize ten-year farming lease in favor of Mr. Stein and Mr. Wedgeworth based on payment of rental according to the above schedule with provision for disposition of improvements as recommended.

Request was presented from Keen, O'Kelley and Spitz, on behalf of Perdido Land Company for clarification of the terms of Oil and Gas Lease No. 775 in favor of Perdido Land Company, on the question of what date the company will be required to commence and complete operations for drilling the second test well required by said lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

CLARIFYING AND AGREEING TO AN INTERPRETATION OF OIL AND GAS LEASE NO. 775

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida on January 2, 1951, entered into with Perdido Land Company an oil and gas lease which among other things required the lessee to commence and complete operations for the drilling of a test well within the first nine months of the term of the lease and which nine-month period was extended for an additional thirty days and,

WHEREAS, the test well was drilled as required and some discussion has taken place today between the Trustees and the lessee as to the time within which the lessee is required to commence and complete operations for the drilling of the second test well and the terms of the lease having been fully completed and it appearing that there should be a clarification of this matter, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida that it is agreed by and between the said Trustees and Perdido Land Company that under the terms of Oil and Gas Lease No. 775 the lessee has until and including January 1, 1956, within which time to commence and complete operations for the drilling of the second test well required by the lease.

Mr. Fred B. King of Punta Gorda, Florida, makes application for an exploratory lease to explore for and produce rutile, ilmenite, titanium, zircon, monazite and like minerals in Sarasota, Charlotte and Lee Counties. Mr. Wells recommended that the lease be granted under the same terms and conditions as applying to other applications of this kind.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that lease be authorized under the same requirements as leases of like nature.

Mr. Joe Burnett and Mr. Henry Blount, representing the Board of County Commissioners of Duval County; also Mr. J. B. Mallard, Mr. Sollee and Mr. George W. Gibbs, all of Jacksonville, Florida, presented objections to the sale by the Trustees of a number of islands in the St. Johns River, north of Fulton-Dames Point Cut-Off, locally known as "Goat Island," containing approximately 679 acres in Township 1 South, Ranges 27 and 28 East, Duval County. Mr. Wells explained that this land was advertised for bids to be received April 20, 1954, upon application from Mr. Julius Parker, on behalf of clients, with a starting offer of \$45.00 an acre.

Mr. Burnett filed with the Trustees a certified copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Duval County, dated March 16, 1954, protesting sale of the islands into private ownership, and requesting that the Trustees hold, preserve and protect said lands, subject to disposal for public uses and purposes, after Duval County shall have formulated and developed its planning for appropriate public use of the property. Also filed with the Trustees was a resolution adopted by the Duval Industrial Corporation, commending the Duval County Commissioners for its stand in protesting the sale, and joining in said request that the Trustees withdraw the islands from sale and hold the property for public purposes; also, a resolution adopted by Executive Committee, Committee of One Hundred, endorsing the resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Attorney General asked if the City of Jacksonville and Duval County have any plans or program for developing this area for public purposes, to which the delegation replied that no concrete plan has been developed as yet, but the county has been working toward the plan for enlarged dock facilities, ports of sufficient size to bring in super-cargo ships, and provision for industries that may be brought to Duval County.

Mr. Julius Parker, representing his clients, stated his position as being that these so-called public projects rarely ever turned out as being for the public and if the county and city wanted this land that they should come before the Trustees May 20th and bid along with private interests; that if the land is taken off the market and held for Duval County, the State School Fund will not receive anything, whereas it would get one-fourth of the purchase price if sold at auction; that it will be just a question of whether private business will be run by the government, because operation of docks and ports is not a public purpose project. Also, if private interests get the property it will immediately go on the tax books and taxes will be paid, which will not be the case if conveyed to a public agency.

Mr. Parker was asked what his clients planned to do with the property and his reply was that he understood it would be used for fishing camps.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees cancel the advertisement and take the land off the market until after the 1955 Legislature and see what Duval County and civic groups can do in so far as securing legislative action giving them authority to make plans for development of Goat Island as a port or some other public purpose.

Mr. Julius F. Parker, on behalf of Coastal Petroleum Company, submitted letter from his company advising of the non-acquiescence of the company in the position taken by the Trustees March 23, 1954, by resolution adopted, with respect to their rights under Leases 224-A, 224-B and 248, and that they will submit additional data in support of their position.

Mr. Parker again objected to action taken by the Trustees in adopting the said resolution, stating that his company has evidence that the Trustees have confirmed the language in the resolution which was rescinded March 23; that the company does not want to get into an argument with the Trustees but feels it will have to protect its rights and the heavy investment it has made in the belief that its leases covered such minerals as zircon, rutile, ilmenite and monazite; that from the wording of the resolution no one can tell what minerals are covered.

Mr. Parker was advised that the resolution was adopted without prejudice to Coastal Petroleum Company; that if they desire to look for such minerals there would be no objection from the Trustees and the company could make application for lease and it would be passed on.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that Coastal Petroleum Company be given the right to explore for such minerals as zircon, ilmenite, rutile and monazite, and if a promising area should be found the company can then make application for a lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment of the following salaries and necessary expenses:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary.....	\$ 875.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer.....	525.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant.....	450.00
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant.....	400.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk.....	458.33
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk.....	400.00
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer.....	291.67
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent.....	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent.....	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid.....	27.50
W. R. Culbreath, Special Asst. Atty. Gen.....	200.00
Ernest R. Bartley, Gainesville, Fla.	
Research and expenses re offshore boundaries....	109.62
John T. Pickett, Pahokee, Fla.	
Expenses—Project No. 4.....	86.39
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla.	
Expenses—Shotkin vs. T.I.I.F.....	6.76
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla.	
Expenses as attorney for Trustees.....	14.30
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	82.00
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	5.95
Hunt, Salley & Roman, Miami, Fla.	
Expenses—Claughton vs. T.I.I.F.....	22.75
The Key West Citizen, Key West, Fla.	
For advertising land sale.....	32.20
Baker-Alford Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	10.24
Capital Lock & Key Shop, Tallahassee, Fla.....	7.50
Hardware Mutual Ins. Co. of Minnesota,	
Atlanta, Ga.....	106.01
Shell Oil Co., Atlanta, Ga.....	3.47
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To Principal State School Fund.....	16,995.30
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To State Board Conservation.....	4,945.65
John T. Pickett, Pahokee, Fla.	
Professional fees—Project No. 4.....	410.00
F. C. Elliot—Expenses examining oil well.....	24.38
A. R. Williams—Expenses examining oil well.....	40.50
Sinclair Wells—Expenses as Land Agent.....	138.31
John D. Moriarty, Asst. Attorney General.....	26.22
C. M. Gay, Comptroller—For travel vouchers.....	266.30
E. B. Leatherman, CCC Dade County—	
Recording fee.....	2.70
J. Alex Arnette, CCC Palm Beach County—	
Recording fee.....	2.00
The Collier County News, Naples, Fla.	
For advertising land sale.....	14.57
Review Printing Co., Miami, Fla.	
Advertising costs.....	19.38

John W. Weatherford, Lakeland, Fla—Refund.	466.74
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla.	
Expenses—Shotkin vs. Trustees	22.88
Frances Thigpen, Tallahassee, Fla.—	
Court Reporter.....	125.00
TOTAL.....	\$27,889.62

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Hillsborough	3-23-54	3
Indian River	3-22-54	10
Okaloosa	3- 1-54	3
DeSoto	3-16-54	1

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

The City of Apopka makes application for release of the oil and mineral reservations retained by the Trustees in Orange County Murphy Act Deed No. 45-Municipal conveying lots in Apopka Heights, a subdivision of Section 4, Township 21 South, Range 28 East, Orange County, comprising 80 acres, of which approximately 20 acres have been conveyed to the County School Board.

Mr. Elliot explained that the entire tract is not in form for relinquishing reservations, and release to the School Board on the 20-acre tract would be a special dispensation and should be conditioned that if title to any part or all of the parcel passes out of the Orange County School Board, the oil and mineral rights as to such part shall be reinstated in the state with full force and effect.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees decline to release the oil and mineral rights in the entire 80-acre tract applied for by the county; however, that release be authorized on the parcel, title to which is in the Board of Public Instruction of Orange County, with the condition in such release as suggested by the Secretary and Engineer, in the event title to any part or all of said 20 acres passes out of the School Board.

The Board of County Commissioners of Volusia County offers \$95.00 for Lots 16, 17, 18 and 19, Block "F", Stetson Gardens; Lots 34 to 52 inclusive, Block "B", and Lots 73 to 83 inclusive, Block "C", Dorsey's Blue Springs Park.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the lots to Volusia County under Chapter 21684 of 1943.

Mr. Elliot presented bid of Bellemead Development Corporation of \$150.00 offered at sale of February 1, 1954, for Block 2, Subdivision of John Addison Grant, Section 40, Township 13 South, Range 32 East, Volusia County. It was recommended that the bid be declined as insufficient, and if applicant will raise the offer to \$300.00, that it be accepted.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer of \$150.00 and authorize acceptance of \$300.00 if the applicant will raise his bid to that amount; otherwise the base bid for advertising under new application will be \$300.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment of the following salaries and bills:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper.....	\$410.83
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary.....	291.66
Ray E. Folmar, c/o Clerk Circuit Court, Washington County—Refund.....	5.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

April 6, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells reported that two sales were advertised to be held today as follows:

GLADES COUNTY—On February 23, 1954, the Trustees considered

offer of \$10.00 an acre from Mr. Joe Kelleher, on behalf of Michael Lewin, for purchase of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 42 South, Range 29 East, containing 40 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$10.00 an acre, and notice of sale was published in the Moore Haven Democrat on March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells stated that he has received from Mr. Sylvan Zemel a higher offer of \$15.25, which will be the starting bid.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$26.00 an acre being made by Mrs. Daphna G. Smith of Tallahassee on behalf of Lois M. Barron of LaBelle, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$26.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mrs. Barron.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On February 23, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$15.00 an acre from Mr. Donald U. Sessions, on behalf of Mr. John R. Parkinson, for purchase of Lot 1, Section 6, Township 15 South, Range 28 East, containing 38.14 acres. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$15.00 an acre, and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun News on March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that Mr. Sylvan Zemel has raised the bid to \$20.25 an acre, and that the bidding will start at that figure.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$21.00 an acre being made by Mr. G. M. James, on behalf of Mr. J. W. Dawsey, Jr., and Mr. J. M. James, Sr.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$21.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Messrs. Dawsey and James.

Mr. Joe Kelleher offers \$60.00 an acre for the purchase of Tract 11, E-3/5 less North 100 feet of Tract 12, E-3/5 less South 100 feet of Tract 13, Tracts 14, 15, 19, 61, 62 and 63, Section 15, Township 52 South, Range 40 East, containing 78.36 acres, more or less, in Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$60.00 an acre.

Mr. Guido T. Caserta and Mr. Charles M. Cuccia submitted application for the following described lands in Dade County:

\$40.00 an acre for Sections 10 and 17, Township 52 South, Range 39 East, containing 136.04 acres, more or less;
 \$60.00 an acre for Section 17, Township 52 South, Range 40 East, containing 464.85 acres, more or less;
 \$50.00 an acre for Section 31, Township 52 South, Range 40 East, containing 410.000 acres, more or less;
 \$60.00 an acre for Section 21, Township 52 South, Range 40 East, containing 410.00 acres, more or less;
 \$40.00 an acre for Sections 8, 9 and 33, Township 53 South, Range 39 East, containing 720.00 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting with the offers submitted.

Mr. N. Lichtenberg offers \$25.00 per lot for Lots 12 to 15, inclusive, Block 1; Lots 1 to 6 inclusive, and 9 to 11 inclusive, and 13 to 23 inclusive, Block 4; Lots 1 to 11 inclusive, Block 10; Greater Miami, Sections A, B and C, Sub., 25/65, lying and being in Section 5, Township 55 South, Range 40 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for sale, subject to competitive bidding, starting with the offer from Mr. Lichtenberg.

Miss Irena L. Williams offers \$50.00 for Lots 6 and 12, South 10 feet of Lots 5 and 11, in Block 8, South Okeechobee, Okeechobee City, located in Section 21, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids, starting with the offer from Miss Williams.

Mrs. Rose Rome offers \$600.00 for purchase of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, containing 30 acres, more or less, in Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids starting with the offer from Mrs. Rome.

The State Road Department makes application for conveyance of certain land in Texar Bayou, Section 5 (Jos. Phillips Grant), and Section 8 (Jno. Chebeaux Grant), Township 2 South, Range 29 West, Escambia County, lying within 150 feet of the survey line of State Road No. 10-A, Section 4802.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from the State Road Department, the deed to contain the reversion clause in the event the land is not used for road purposes.

Mr. W. K. Whitfield, Jr., offers \$300.00 an acre, or \$75.00, for 0.25 of an acre for Lake Conway bottom land adjoining his upland property on Nela Isle, Island Section, Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$300.00 an acre and authorize conveyance to Mr. Whitfield of the land applied for, without advertisement.

Mr. M. Ignatius Lester of Key West, Florida, applies for 1.2 acres of bay bottom land in Sun-Krest Subdivision, adjoining his upland property in Section 34, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for sale, subject to objections only, conditioned upon Mr. Lester agreeing to pay \$200.00 an acre for the land.

Mr. W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Treasure Island Properties, Inc., applies to purchase 11.42 acres of bay bottom land in Government Lot 2, Section 15, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County, Florida, which adjoins upland property of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the parcel advertised for objections only, provided Mr. Parrish's client will offer \$200.00 an acre for the land.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County that the Trustees convey without cost 4.4 acres of land formerly the bottom of Lake Mangonia, but now reclaimed by the permanent lowering of the lake. The said land adjoins land owned by the county and also adjoins upland proposed to be acquired by the county.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to convey the land to the county for public purposes only when the county shall have acquired the upland immediately abutting upon the reclaimed lake bottom in question.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize refund of \$110.00 to Marie J. Bird for

overpayment on purchase of Sarasota County land caused by over-estimation of the acreage by upland owner.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Alachua	2-17-54	4
Gadsden	3-15-54	1
Jackson	3-22-54	1
Polk	2-27-54	3
Seminole	3-29-54	59

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following deeds be executed for the purpose of releasing the state road right of way reserved in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department:

- Pt. Broward Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2301 to John H. Kremer and
Mollie R Kremer
 - Charlotte Co. Q.C. Deed No. 108 to Glendale Land Corp.
 - Pt. Dade Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1482 to William J. Vreeland
 - Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 625 to John H. Gullette
 - Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1604 to John W. Lynn
Co., Inc.
 - Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3656 to Hugh Green & wife
 - Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3835 to C. Lewis Stryer & wife
 - Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4674 to Peter A. Smith
and Marguerite T. Smith
 - Holmes Co. Q.C. Deed No. 67 to James H. Butler & wife
 - Pt. Pinellas Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1933 to Amanda E. Dyess
 - Pt. Pinellas Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2771 to Baynard Lock Box Co.
 - Pt. St. Lucie Co. Q.C. Deed No. 522 to Thomas R. Jones
 - Pt. St. Lucie Co. Q.C. Deed No. 526 to Thomas R. Jones
 - Pt. St. Lucie Co. Q.C. Deed No. 779 to Thomas R. Jones
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Alachua County Board of Public Instruction requests release of oil and mineral reservations in land which the School Board is acquiring from the City of Gainesville, Florida, for school purposes.

The Secretary recommends that since the area is much larger than generally required for school buildings—8 or 10 acres—the Trustees authorize release of the reservations so long as title to the land remains

in the School Board, with reservation to be automatically reinstated as to any part or all should the School Board part with title.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant release of the oil and mineral reservation when title is taken by Alachua County School Board, with provision for reinstatement as recommended by the Secretary.

The State Road Department submits amended application for borrow pit area through Lots 12 to 19 incl., Block 4; Lots 4 to 12 incl., and 14 to 19 incl., Block 5; Lots 5 to 11 incl., and 13 to 22 incl., Block 8; Lots 4 to 11 incl., Block 9; all in Regina Palms Subdivision, from which the Road Department desires to remove material for use on State Road No. 5—Sec. 9401-205, SRD 109-Rev., St. Lucie County.

Mr. Elliot recommended that the Trustees grant the use right for a period of two years for borrow pit purposes, conditioned that drainage be provided and that bottom of the borrow pit be properly contoured so as to afford drainage over the entire area of said pit.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from the State Road Department for borrow pit area in St. Lucie County, under the conditions as outlined by Mr. Elliot.

The State Road Department applies for outright conveyance of certain lots in Woodland Heights Subdivision that are located wholly within the right of way of State Road No. 5, St. Johns County; also requests right of way and drainage ditch easements across other lots in the same subdivision.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance and easements as follows:

Deed to:

Lots 9 to 14 incl., Block "D";
 Lots 15, 16 and 17, Block 7;
 Lots 21 and 22, Block 16;
 Lots 22, 23, 24, 25, Block 22;
 Lot 7, Block 23.

Right of Way Easement:

That part of land described as lying Northeasterly of and within 68 feet of the survey line of State Road No. 5;
 Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 15, 16 & 17, Block "D";
 Lots 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, Block 6;
 Lots 7 to 14 and 18 to 27, both incl., Block 7;
 Lots 18, 19, 20, 23 to 30 incl., Block 16;
 Lots 26 and 27, Block 21;
 Lot 1, Block 23;
 Lots 25 to 40 incl., Block 40;
 Drainage Ditch Easement:

That part of Lots 8 to 11 incl., & 29, 30 & 31, Block 16, lying within 15 feet each side of a drainage ditch centerline.

All of the above described lots being a part of Woodland Heights Subdivision in Section 41, Township 5 South, Range 29 East, St. Johns County.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

April 13, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented minutes of the Trustees dated March 23, 1954, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells reported that a lease was advertised for sale on this date for the purpose of mining and developing phosphate from the bottom of Banana Lake, as follows:

POLK COUNTY—On February 23, 1954, the Trustees considered application from Mr. John M. Allison, on behalf of Davison Chemical Corporation, for lease to explore for phosphate in Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10, Township 29 South, Range 24 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the lease for objections only and notice was published in the Bartow Democrat on March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9, 1954, with lease to be considered on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the description of the area out and recommended that if the Trustees approve the lease, the term thereof be for five (5) years with a twelve (12) months exploration period; that during the exploration period rental of \$25.00 per month be paid the Trustees, and at the expiration of that time, if lease is executed, payment shall be on the basis as outlined in the Minutes of February 23, 1954, with minimum monthly payment of \$25.00; also that lessees be given permission to construct a dam in front of their lakefront property.

Amended.
See
Minutes
of
May 11, 1954

No objections having been filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize lease with exploration term in favor of Davison Chemical Corporation, under the terms and conditions as outlined by Mr. Wells.

Mr. Harry Simonhoff, on behalf of Modern Home Builders, Inc., offers \$15.00 an acre for Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Township 55 South, Range 38 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for sale subject to competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$15.00 an acre.

Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District makes application for right of way across state owned land described as the West 130 feet of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize right of way easement in favor of Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District across the land described, for the purpose of enlarging and improving an existing canal.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment of the following salaries and necessary expenses:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.....	\$ 875.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer.....	525.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant.....	450.00
W. R. Culbreath, Attorney.....	200.00
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant.....	400.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk.....	458.33
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk.....	400.00
B. G. Sheller, Clerk-Stenographer.....	291.67
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent.....	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid.....	27.50
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To Principal State School Fund.....	15,531.38
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State Board of Conservation.....	7,209.59

Ralph M. McLane, Ass't Attorney General	
Expenses—U. S. vs. Citrus County Land.....	35.25
W. R. Culbreath, Special Ass't Att'y General	
Expenses	20.55
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
3% to General Revenue.....	7,153.31
Marie J. Bird, Sarasota, Fla	
Refund—land purchase	110.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	72.60
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	12.13
Dell Hart Typewriter Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	4.50
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.....	2.10
Standard Oil Co., Jacksonville, Fla.....	18.41
J. W. Coleman, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.....	33.75
The Florida Times Union, Jacksonville, Fla.....	22.50
C. M. Gay, Comptroller—For travel vouchers.....	82.36
 TOTAL.....	\$34,210.93

Financial Statements for the month of March 1954 are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of March 1, 1954.....	\$206,645.32
Receipts for the Month:	
Land Sales.....	\$65,385.22
Land Sales—Ch. 14717—	
Palm Beach County.....	750.00
Interest on Contracts.....	12.42
Interest on 100 F.S.I.C. Lower Tampa	
Bay Bridge Bonds at \$18.75 each....	1,875.00
Interest on 4 U. S. Treasury Bonds at	
\$1,250.00 each.....	5,000.00
Interest on 90 F.S.I.C. Agricultural and	
Citrus Inspection Bldg. Bonds.....	1,665.00
Quitclaim Deeds	90.00
Refund of Advertising Cost.....	14.57
Sale of Fill Material.....	450.00
Tax Refunds.....	15.20
Sale of Certified Copies Trustees' Min-	
utes.....	10.00
Campsite Lease.....	50.00
Grazing Leases	1,378.55
Sand and Shell Leases.....	8,692.95
Timber Lease.....	140.40
Miscellaneous Lease.....	275.00
Mineral Lease	25.00
Farm Lease.....	1,199.00
Total Receipts for the month.....	\$87,028.31
GRAND TOTAL.....	87,028.31
Less Disbursements for the month.....	293,673.63
BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1954..	27,889.62
	265,784.01

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1954

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
3- 2-54	226998	Ernest R. Bartley.....	\$ 109.62
3- 5-54	230836	John T. Pickett.....	86.39
3- 9-54	233156	W. R. Culbreath	6.76
3-10-54	234267	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tr. to Prin. State School Fund....	16,995.30
	234268	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tr. to State Board Conservation..	4,945.65
	234926	Southeastern Telephone Co.....	82.00
	234927	Western Union Telegraph Co.....	5.95
	234928	Hunt, Salley & Roman.....	22.75
	234929	The Key West Citizen.....	32.20
	234930	Baker-Alford Co.....	10.24
	234931	Capital Lock & Key Shop.....	7.50
	234932	Hardware Mutual Ins. Co. of Minn.	106.01
	234933	Shell Oil Co.....	3.47
3-18-54	245024	C. M. Gay, Comptroller.....	266.30
	245025	W. R. Culbreath.....	14.30
	245026	F. C. Elliot.....	24.38
	245027	A. R. Williams.....	40.50
	245028	Sinclair Wells.....	138.31
	245029	John D. Moriarty.....	26.22
	245030	John T. Pickett.....	410.00
3-22-54	249757	E. B. Leatherman CCC.....	2.70
	249758	J. Alex Arnette CCC.....	2.00
	249759	The Collier County News.....	14.57
	249760	Review Printing Co.....	19.38
3-26-54	254620	John W. Weatherford.....	466.74
3-31-54	222110	F. C. Elliot.....	713.75
	222111	A. R. Williams.....	420.65
	222112	A. C. Bridges.....	350.93
	222113	J. B. Linn	349.25
	222114	M. O. Barco	361.71
	222115	J. L. Dedge.....	333.50
	222116	B. G. Shelfer.....	237.11
	222117	Sinclair Wells.....	213.75
	222118	C. M. Greene	47.50
	222119	R. N. Landers.....	26.13
	222120	Blue Cross of Florida.....	23.15
	222121	Southern States Life Ins. Co.....	17.55
	222122	5% State Retirement Fund.....	165.12
	222123	Federal Tax.....	442.40
	235637	W. R. Culbreath.....	190.00
	235638	5% Retirement.....	10.00
	256723	W. R. Culbreath.....	22.88
	258319	Frances Thigpen	125.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1954.....			\$27,889.62

U. S. G. S. CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of March 1, 1954.....	\$3,150.00
Receipts for the month:	
March 16—Marion County	\$350.00
March 18—Winter Haven Lake Region Boat Course District.....	400.00
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Total Receipts for the Month.....	\$750.00
	750.00
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GRAND TOTAL	\$3,900.00
Less Disbursements	— 0 —
BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1954.....	\$3,900.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

March 1.....	\$4,031.50
March 17.....	2,420.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR MARCH, 1954.....	\$6,451.50

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
3-12 54	239082	Ray C. Folmar.....	\$ 5.00
3-13-54	217674	E. Hewitt.....	348.74
	217675	M. C. Pichard.....	259.06
	217676	Provident Life & Accident Insurance Company.....	7.75
	217677	5% Retirement Fund.....	20.54
	217678	Federal Tax	66.40
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 1954.....	\$ 707.49
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SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Columbia	4-5-54	1
Franklin	4-5-54	2
Hamilton	4-5-54	1
Okaloosa	4-5-54	1
Orange	4-5-54	1
Pasco	4-5-54	1
Putnam	4-3-54	4
Sumter	4-5-54	2
Volusia	2-1-54	4
Volusia	4-5-54	5

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

HARDEE COUNTY—City of Bowling Green, Florida, requests conveyance of Lots 53, 55, 56, 61, 62, 63, 67, 68, 71 and 72, Block "C", Mt. Zion Addition, Bowling Green, for which they offer \$50.00. It was explained that these lots were overlooked when application was submitted several weeks ago for lots in this same subdivision and were purchased at the same price rate.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$50.00 and authorize conveyance to the City of Bowling Green, under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, of the lots applied for.

The State Road Department makes application for deed to a small parcel of land described as Block "J", Richey Bay Park, Section 29, Township 25 South, Range 16 East, Pasco County, lying wholly within the road right of way.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees grant request and convey the block described, under provisions of Chapter 21684, for use of State Road No. 55, Section 1403 —Project 5257.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize disclaiming interest in Murphy Act certificates involving land in Alachua and Jefferson Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that no title came to the state by virtue of said certificates.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment of the following salaries:

Ernest Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$410.83
M. C. Pichard, Secretary-Clerk	291.66

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
April 20, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date

in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated March 30, April 6 and 13, 1954, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells reported two parcels of land advertised to be sold on this date, as follows:

SARASOTA COUNTY—On March 2, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$50.00 from Mr. L. W. Bauer for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay lying easterly of and adjoining the North 46.1 feet of the South 151.6 feet of Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, containing 0.16 of an acre. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on March 22, 29, April 5, 12 and 19, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Bauer at the price offered—\$50.00.

MONROE COUNTY—On March 2, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Mr. Russell Scholl for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Bay of Florida, lying westerly of and adjoining Government Lot 1, Section 5, Township 66 South, Range 33 East, and northerly and adjoining Government Lot 1, Section 32, Township 65 South, Range 33 East on Crawl Key No. 3, containing a total of 2.22 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on March 22, 29, April 5, 12 and 19, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Scholl at the price offered—\$200.00 on acre.

Mr. Wells reported that at a sale of Dade County land held February 17, 1953, 318.6 acres of land in Greater Miami Heights Sections 1 and 2, in Section 5, Township 55 South, Range 39 East, were bid in by David R. Balough, Henry Stein and Joseph L. Cohen at a price of \$151.00 an acre; and the W½ of Section 20, Township 58 South, Range 39 East, was bid in by Mr. Thomas H. Horobin at \$75.00 an acre; that neither of these sales has been consummated and Mr. Horobin offers to pay an amount equal to the high bids—\$151.00 and \$75.00 an acre respectively.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees readvertise the land for competitive bids starting at \$151.00 an acre for the 318.6 acres in Greater Miami Heights and \$75.00 an acre for the 320 acres in Section 20, Township 58, Range 39, Dade County.

Mr. Wells submitted the following offers for reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Conway, Orange County, Florida:

Mr. G. B. Fishback, on behalf of Mrs. A. C. Bissell, \$300.00 an acre for 5.07 acres in Section 13, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, adjoining upland property;

Mr. G. B. Fishback, on behalf of Mr. F. Monroe Alleman, offers \$300.00 an acre for 2.92 acres of land in Section 13, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, adjoining upland of applicant;

Mr. Francis P. Marion, on behalf of Mr. Marion Rau Heater, offers \$300.00 an acre for 0.6 of an acre adjoining Lots 3, 4 and 5, Block A, Belle Isle Subdivision in Section 24, Township 23 South, Range 29 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offers and authorize conveyance of the parcels applied for without advertisement.

The following offers were submitted for purchase of submerged land adjoining upland property of applicants:

Mr. John F. Burkett, Jr., on behalf of Mr. Thomas E. Lunt, offers \$200.00 an acre for 2.8 acres in Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County;

Nathan Natapow offers \$100.00 an acre for 1.0 acre of land in Old Tampa Bay, immediately across Bay Shore Drive from Lot 18, Block A, Washington-Bremnan Subdivision, Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County;

Mr. H. Lee Swanson, on behalf of Mr. Willie Felton, offers \$200.00 an acre for 1.0 acre of land in Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County;

Mr. Paul Sawyer, on behalf of F. P. Sadowski Corporation, offers \$100.00 an acre for 4 acres of land adjoining 89.18 acres recently purchased from the Trustees adjacent to Fat Deer Key in Townships 65 and 66 South, Range 33 East, Monroe County. Request is made that both parcels be included in one advertisement.

Mr. Earl D. Farr offers \$100.00 an acre for 36.5 acres of land adjoining a mangrove flat previously sold by the Trustees in Sections 1 and 12, Township 41 South, Range 19 East, Charlotte County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the submerged land described in the foregoing applications, subject to objections only, based on the offers submitted by each applicant.

Mr. Joe Kelleher makes application to purchase 29.76 acres of land in Southern Heights, Section 19, and 6.96 acres in Nu-Washington Heights, Section 21, all in Township 53 South, Range 40 East, Dade County. Mr. Wells recommends a base bid of \$100.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids, starting at \$100.00 an acre.

At the request of Mr. Wells, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the regular dates for considering sale of land advertised by the Trustees be changed from the first and third Tuesdays in each month to the second and fourth Tuesdays, as there are conflicts in dates.

Mr. Elliot reported in reference to Broward County land which was advertised for sale August 18, 1953. The sale was protested by attorney for Mr. T. S. Pridemore, claiming ownership under tax deed from Everglades Drainage District. The Trustees postponed action on the sale and subsequently agreed to convey its title in the land to Mr. Pridemore upon payment of \$2000.00. Attorneys for Mr. Pridemore requested further time for conference with the Attorney General, which was granted, and resulting from these consultations a memorandum opinion was given by the Attorney General, the conclusion of which is as follows:

"Even if the Trustees have paid drainage taxes upon said lands, thinking that their title was free and clear of any cloud thereon, such payment would and could not be relied upon as vesting any title in the said Trustees, although the Trustees might take these payments into consideration in

any attempted settlement with the present claimants to the lands.

"It is still our recommendation, as in our memorandums of August 31, 1953 and February 17, 1954, that the said lands be conveyed by the Trustees to the present claimant for such consideration as will reimburse the Trustees for any moneys they have in the lands."

In view of the findings of the Attorney General, the Secretary recommends that if the Trustees undertake to convey to Mr. Pridemore, a quitclaim deed only be issued as a disclaimer of title or interest in Trustees in order not to affect or prejudice any other interest or any other equity than that relinquished by Trustees, and that Trustees determine the consideration therefor.

Mr. J. Velma Keen, representing Mr. Pridemore, was present and stated that his client had heretofore offered \$300.00 for deed from the Trustees but they would be willing to pay \$500.00 and would accept quitclaim deed as recommended by the Secretary.

Motion was made by Attorney General Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of quitclaim deed in favor of Mr. Pridemore to the land described for the consideration of \$500.00.

The offer and acceptance as above effects a rejection of the bid of another party (Joseph Kelleher) at the sale first above referred to.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Brevard	2-26-54	20
Lake	4-12-54	4

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Brevard County Report No. 125, Sale of February 26, 1954, was submitted with two insufficient bids from Orlando Atlantic Beach Company of Cocoa, Florida, for All Blocks 20, 22, 24, 39 and 40, Plat of Pineda, located in Sections 12, 13 and 18, Township 26 South, Ranges 36 and 37 East. Information was furnished that these blocks are located in an area where there are no roads and no development for miles around. The Clerk of the Circuit Court recommends acceptance of bids totaling \$129.00 for the 5 blocks.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees waive the rules and accept the bids of Orlando Atlantic Beach Company for the five blocks described.

PASCO COUNTY—Application was presented from the City of San Antonio, Florida, for conveyance of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8, Farnsworth and Verbeck Subdivision North of Railroad in Section 2, Township 25 South, Range 20 East. The city offers \$75.00 for the lots which is equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the lots described under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize disclaiming interest in Murphy Act certificates involving land in Alachua County, the Attorney General's office having approved such disposition as the said certificates vested no title in the state to the land covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

April 27, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated April 20, 1954, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Offer of \$40.00 an acre was presented from Mr. T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of Mrs. Leona Lightsey Brock, for purchase of 1.93 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land adjacent to her property in Lot 28, Section

17, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Eagle Bay Survey, Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the land to Mrs. Brock without advertisement.

Mr. Wells presented the following applications for purchase of submerged land adjoining upland property of applicants, and recommended acceptance of the prices specified:

Carey & Harrison, on behalf of Mr. C. A. Burnell, applies for submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay, adjacent to and in front of his property in Jungle Shores Sub. No. 5, Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County. Price of \$100.00 recommended for the parcel.

Mr. Charles W. Luther, on behalf of Mr. Adams J. Stahle, applied for submerged land adjacent to his upland property in North Orita Subdivision in Sections 34 and 35, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County. Recommend price of \$100.00 for the parcel.

Mr. Peter B. Thomas offers \$200.00 an acre for 0.915 of an acre of submerged land adjoining his property in Ortona North Subdivision in Section 26, Township 14 South, Range 32 East, Volusia County.

Mr. John F. Burkett, Jr., on behalf of Lambert G. Neff, offers \$200.00 per acre for 1.42 acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertised for objections only the four parcels described based on the prices indicated.

Mr. Wells presented application from Mr. Richard A. Eagle, on behalf of L. S. Kenny, for the purchase of 105.08 acres of submerged land in Tampa Bay, Section 34, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties, the land to be used for dock facilities, and boat and fish houses.

Information was furnished that this land was advertised for sale February 5, 1952, on application from Mr. Kenny, but protests were filed by the Pinellas County Park Board, the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County and the St. Petersburg City Council, and the sale was never consummated. Objections from the County Commissioners and the Park Board have now been withdrawn provided the deed carries certain restrictions. Mr. Wells recommends that the land be advertised for competitive bids and objections.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted,

that the Trustees agree to have the land advertised for competitive bids and objections, starting with a price of \$125.00 per acre.

Mr. Arthur L. Tucker, on behalf of Florida Agar & Products, Inc., applies for mineral lease on all waters within Franklin County, including the Apalachicola River to the Florida state line; said lease to allow for mining and taking minerals, other than oil, gas and sulphur, especially to include ilmenite, rutile and other titanium minerals including zircon, monazite with related and accessory minerals.

Also, a later application received from Mr. A. R. Richardson, on behalf of Walter M. Phillips of Tallahassee, for similar lease covering approximately the same territory.

It was recommended that preference be given to the first applicant; that the lease be for a primary term of five (5) years with two-year exploratory period, under the same terms and conditions as similar leases which have been granted, and the right to extend said lease at the end of the seven-year period.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize mineral lease in favor of Florida Agar & Products, Inc., under the terms and conditions as recommended by Mr. Wells.

Request was presented from the U. S. Engineers, Department of the Army, Jacksonville, Florida, for temporary easement to deposit spoil material on the unsurveyed portion of Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 30 East, St. Johns County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement as requested by the U. S. Engineers.

Mr. Wells submitted report from Mr. Charles R. Rudolph on Mineral Lease No. 844, issued to Mr. Walter B. Fraser March 28, 1952, and later assigned to Nuclear Magnetic Mining, Inc. The report outlines the progress being made by the company and calls attention to a requirement of the lease that lessee, successors or assigns, should construct a plant costing not less than \$75,000.00; that for reasons set forth, the plant has not been constructed but a large building on the waterfront has been leased from the City of St. Augustine for a period of five years, with option for renewal; that the company has provided in said building a rather complete laboratory facility and pilot plant for testing and separation of minerals; that plans have been formulated and developed for construction of a plant to cost in the neighborhood of \$250,000.00; that the company has spent the sum of \$75,000.00 in the present plant and feels that the terms of the lease have been complied with.

Mr. Wells stated that Lease No. 844 was in good standing and all requirements have been complied with except construction of the

plant; that his information is that the company has ample funds for this construction, and his recommendation is that the Trustees not require construction of the plant at this time, but allow further time for completion of plans.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve recommendation of Mr. Wells as the action of the board.

Attorney General Ervin called attention to request from Monroe County that the Pigeon Key area, heretofore used by the Overseas Road and Toll Bridge District, be made available for use as a Hospital.

After discussion, it was agreed that no action be taken until such time as the Governor can be present and possibly have conferences with the Park Board, the County Commissioners of Monroe County and Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. It was so ordered.

Without objection, the Trustees postponed action on request from the National Park Service, for conveyance of land deeded by the Collier Corporation to the Trustees, to be held until the land described therein shall have been included in Everglades National Park, it being the opinion of the Trustees that decision should be reached on other subjects in reference to Everglades National Park.

Mr. Elliot presented recommendation that the Trustees withdraw from sale the following state owned land in Dade County: all land now under oil and gas leases; also lands not under oil and gas lease located in Township 54 South, Range 37 East, and the Hiatus between Townships 54 and 55 South, Range 37 East; that as to Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8, Township 55 South, Range 38 East, under oil and gas leases and being advertised for sale June 8, 1954, if not sold on date advertised, that said sections be withdrawn from sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees withdraw from sale all the land Mr. Elliot recommends for withdrawal; also that the Trustees authorize cancellation of the advertisement of the four sections and withdraw said sections from sale.

Mr. David C. Jones of Naples, Florida, requests quitclaim deed from the Trustees to land formed by accretion attached to property owned by his company, South Naples Shores Company. It was explained that U. S. Surveys of 1876, as well as recent surveys down to 1952, and aerial photographs of the locality clearly show accretion has taken place since 1876. Title to the accreted land is in Mr. Jones' company but there is nothing he can record evidencing title, or color of title. Mr. Jones offers \$50.00 for deed from the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted,

that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize execution of quitclaim deed in favor of South Naples Shores Company, covering all that land attached to and extending southward from Government Lot 3, Section 14, Township 51 South, Range 25 East, U. S. Survey 1876, situated between the Gulf of Mexico on the west and the waters of Little Marco Pass on the east and south, in Collier County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment of the following necessary and regular expenses:

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
Transfer to U. S. Geological Survey Coop Acct....	\$4,650.00
Ralph M. McLane, Asst. Atty. General	
Expenses—U. S. vs. lands in Citrus County.....	10.92
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent—Expenses.....	40.27
C. M. Gay, Comptroller	
For travel vouchers—W. R. Culbreath and	
F. C. Elliot.....	82.36
W. R. Culbreath—Expenses—Shotkin vs. Trustees..	18.15
A. O. Ward, Tax Collector Hendry County.....	1.92
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee.....	15.00
Wyatt's Business Machines, Tallahassee.....	4.00
Hunt, Salley & Roman, Miami, Fla.....	104.33
T. Coburn Moore, CCC Hendry County—	
Recording fee	3.20
Ed Scott, CCC Collier County—Recording fee.....	3.20
DeLand Sun News, DeLand, Fla.—Adv. land sale....	13.80
Glades County Democrat, Moore Haven, Fla.	
Advertising land sale.....	13.80
TOTAL	\$ 4,960.95

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Duval	2-24-54	10
Volusia	4-9-54	6

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Mr. Clarence E. Buehrer and Herma B. Buehrer made application under Chapter 28317 of 1953 for 1.17 acres of submerged land in Oakwood Subdivision, Section 9, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, title to which was certified to the state under Cer-

tificates 1986 of 1928 and 21549 of 1933. Applicants offered \$10.00 for the parcel, which is in excess of the base bid, having purchased the land in 1945 from the fee simple owner as of June 9, 1939.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance to applicants of the land described.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller—Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
May 11, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated April 27, 1954, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented for consideration the following sales that were advertised for disposition May 4, 1954:

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY—On March 16, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$225.00 from Mr. Irlo Bronson, on behalf of Mr. J. O. Pearce, Jr., for purchase of Lots 1 to 10, inclusive; Lots 12 to 23, inclusive, Block 2, Okeechobee Heights Subdivision, lying and being in Section 21, Township 37 South, Range 35 East. The Trustees authorized advertisement of the land for competitive bids starting at \$225.00 for the 23 lots, and notice of the sale was published in the Okeechobee News on April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1954, with sale to be held May 4, 1954. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that he received a bid of \$318.00 from Mr. Sylvan Zemel of Newark, N. J., and bidding would start at that figure. Mr. Pearce raised the bid to \$320.00 which was the highest offer received.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept \$320.00 for the lots described and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Pearce.

PALM BEACH COUNTY—On February 23, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$500.00 an acre from Mr. Norman C. Schmid, on behalf of Mrs. Elizabeth D. Hansen, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Lake Worth, Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, lying adjacent to and west of the South 50 feet of Lot 130 and the North 135 feet of Lot 131, Palm Beach Estates; said parcel contains 0.38 of an acre. The Trustees authorized the land advertised for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1954, with sale to be held May 4, 1954. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells stated that no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mrs. Hansen at the price offered—\$500.00 an acre.

PALM BEACH COUNTY—On February 23, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. George S. Brockway, on behalf of Mr. Neil DuBois, for purchase of a tract of submerged land in Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 43 East, comprising 2 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1954, with sale to be held May 4, 1954. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date of sale and Mr. Wells reported that objections were filed by Richard Stalls, Herbert D. Beck, Albert T. Sims, Mr. and Mrs. George Boege, and Andrew V. Baird, on behalf of themselves and other adjacent property owners.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees defer action on the sale until parties making protest have opportunity to be heard.

MARION, VOLUSIA, PUTNAM AND LAKE COUNTIES—On March 9, 1954, the Trustees considered application from Mr. John R. Parkinson for heavy mineral lease on the waters of Lake George, waterward of the ordinary high water mark. The Trustees agreed to

advertise the lease for objections only and notices were published in the Marion County News, DeLand Sun News, Palatka News and Tavares Citizen on April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1954. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

The description was called out and Mr. Wells reported that numerous objections were filed to leasing the lake area.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees decline to lease Lake George area as applied for.

Mr. H. L. Thompson, attorney for Doris Davey Benson and P. Bruce Benson, as trustees under the Doris Davey Benson Trust, requests that the Trustees cancel Deed No. 20548 dated January 5, 1954, in favor of his clients, and refund amount of \$300.00 which was paid for land conveyed in said deed. It was explained that no rights were obtained by grantees in the purchase of the land which is adjacent to their upland in Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize cancellation of Deed No. 20548 and that refund of \$300.00 be made to grantees in said deed.

On April 13, 1954, the Trustees authorized five-year lease in favor of Davison Chemical Corporation for the purpose of mining phosphate in Banana Lake, Polk County. The company requests that the lease be amended to run for a period of five (5) years and for such additional time as may be necessary to fully mine the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees amend the minutes of April 13, 1954, so that Lease No. 937 will run for five years and for such additional time as will be required to fully mine the property.

Mr. W. A. White made application for permit to dredge sand from the Indian River near Micco, Florida, in front of his upland property in Section 14, Township 30 South, Range 38 East, Brevard County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize two-year permit in favor of Mr. White for the purpose of taking sand from an area in Indian River, in front of his upland property, the dredging to be not nearer the shore than 300 feet, and payment to be at the established price per cubic yard.

Humble Oil and Refining Company made application for an oil and gas lease on all of Section 2, Township 47 South, Range 28 East, containing 640 acres, and comprising land and/or beds and other bottoms of Lake Trafford; also all other property constituting the beds and other bottoms belonging to the State of Florida, of Lake Trafford, together with all ponds, lagoons, bayous, sloughs and islands of said

lake owned by the state, comprising an estimated 580 acres; all in Collier County, Florida. Applicant requests that the lease be advertised under the regular terms and conditions.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the lease advertised for bids as required by law.

Mr. Wells reported that on February 17, 1953, on application of Mr. W. P. Fuller, on behalf of Donald D. Roselli and wife, the Trustees considered sale of 112 acres of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay, Sections 14, 15 and 23, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, said land having been advertised subject to objections only; that sale was approved at a price of \$200.00 an acre, conditioned upon removal of certain objections that had been filed to the sale; that objections were later withdrawn and a purchase contract was issued to applicants covering 9.18 acres. Mr. Roselli now requests that the Trustees issue contract in his favor for 4.21 acres in Section 23, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, on the basis of \$200.00 an acre, said parcel having been included in advertisement under original application. Mr. Wells recommends that the 4.21 acres be readvertised.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees deny request for issuance of contract and authorize advertisement of 4.21 acres in Section 23, subject to objections as required by law, on the basis of \$200.00 an acre.

Mr. Richard B. Keating, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Rutledge, applied for a small parcel of lake bottom land in Lake Conway, located in Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County, for which they offer \$300.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the parcel applied for.

Mr. Wells presented the following applications for purchase of Okeechobee County land and recommended that the parcels be advertised for competitive bids, starting with the offers submitted by applicants:

Mrs. E. F. Dudley offers \$20.00 for Lot 1, Block 18, South Okeechobee, Section 21;

Mr. G. C. Durrance, on behalf of Mr. Cecil Holmes, offers \$20.00 for Lot 4, Block 1, Davis Subdivision Section 20;
Mr. G. E. Bryant, Jr., on behalf of Mr. Chester Underhill, offers \$15.00 per lot for Lots 2 and 12, Block 2, Henderson's Subdivision, Section 14; and

Mr. J. T. Smith offers \$100.00 for two small lots in Section 28, and Lots 13 and 14, Block 8, Okeechobee Heights Subdivision, Section 21;

All in Township 37 South, Range 35 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertised for competitive bids the lots applied for, bids to start with the offers submitted by applicants to purchase.

Mr. Thad Whidden, on behalf of Mrs. Julia W. Butler, owner of upland property, makes application to purchase 0.4 of an acre of sovereignty land lying between her property and United States Levee right of way in Section 13, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County. A price of \$700.00 an acre was recommended for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to sell the land to Mrs. Butler at the price recommended—\$700.00 an acre.

Messrs. George O. Lea and J. Hardin Petersen, Jr., make application, on behalf of Mr. M. E. Dildin, for the purchase of 4.9 acres of submerged land adjoining his upland property in Section 25, Township 34 South, Range 16 East, Manatee County. Mr. Wells recommends a price of \$200.00 an acre for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections only, upon offer of \$200.00 an acre being made by applicant.

Mr. W. Curry Harris, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Dickson, offers \$150.00 an acre for 1.68 acres of submerged land adjoining their upland property in Barry Beach Subdivision, Section 28, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only, based on the offer of \$150.00 an acre.

Mr. Elliot presented resolution from the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, adopted May 6, 1954, requesting that the Trustees and the United States investigate exploration activities by oil companies to determine if blasting in the waters off Sarasota County is causing death of fish in that locality.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the request be referred to the Conservation Department for examination and report as to whether damage to fish is being caused by operation of oil companies in that area.

Coastal Petroleum Company requests that the Trustees adopt a resolution as to the status of leases held by said company.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Coastal Petroleum Company of Hartford, Connecticut, holders of certain oil and gas leases from Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, have requested that said Trustees indicate to said Company the status of said leases,

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida that, according to the records of said Trustees, the Trustees find that the status of said leases is as follows:

<i>Lease No.</i>	<i>Status</i>
224A	Paid up and in good standing till Dec. 27, 1954
224B	Paid up and in good standing till Mar. 27, 1956
248	Paid up and in good standing till Dec. 19, 1954
340-340A	Paid up and in good standing till Dec. 20, 1954
363	Paid up and in good standing till Sept. 5, 1954
364	Paid up and in good standing till Sept. 5, 1954

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Alachua	4-21-54	5
Bay	4-20-54	35
Franklin	4-26-54	5
Indian River	4-26-54	7
Jackson	5-3-54	1
Levy	4-10-54	2
Marion	5-3-54	2
Volusia	4-26-54	1
Volusia	5-3-54	8

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protests that may be filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following correction deeds, the Attorney General's office having approved such action:

County of Broward Deed No. 2981—Cor. to W. P. Cameron, Marie Cameron Cree and Helen Cameron Cummins, as tenants in common.

County of Broward Deed No. 2982—Cor. to W. P. Cameron, Marie Cameron Cree and Helen Cameron Cummins, as tenants in common.

County of Broward Deed No. 1920—Cor. to Era B. Broaddus, a widow.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following quitclaim deeds for releasing all or a portion of the right of way for state roads reserved in original deeds, the State Road Department having approved the releases:

- Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 010—Ch. 21684 to Howard W. Cubberley, Sr.
 - Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 579 to James M. Feaster
 - Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1467 to Matthew W. Raiford & wife
 - Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 3712-EDDJ—Cor. to Robert E. Rainey & wife
 - Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 08—Ch. 21684 to Fred W. McMackin & wife
 - Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 625 to Frank Geren
 - Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2110 to Eula B. Shores
 - Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3402 to Samuel L. Snyder
 - Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3473 to Henry L. Hohnadel & wife
 - Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4457-Pt. to Harold E. Woods and wife
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Messrs. Frank and George Frankel made application for a second lease for the same area as covered in Lease No. 3-MA, involving 310 acres in Sections 35, 36, 24 and 26, Township 45 South, Range 25 East, Lee County, fee title of which is held by applicants. It was explained that drilling requirements in original lease have not been complied with, and that continuous granting of leases will result in perpetuation of the lease without compliance with statutory requirements.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees decline to issue the second lease as applied for.

Mr. Elliot called attention to action taken by the Trustees February 2, 1954, on land in St. Lucie County, applied for by Mr. W. B. Tilton, on behalf of Estate of John Alexander Williams; that the matter was referred to him for taking up with the State Road Department as to the right of way necessary to be preserved for state road purposes; that letter has been received from the State Road Department indicating that said department would prefer handling release of part of road right of way after conveyance has been made to applicant, in the usual manner which is by application from the state's grantee. The standard reservation in Murphy Act deeds is for right of way 100 feet wide each side of the center line of any state road.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to the Estate of Mr. Williams upon payment of \$25.00, deed to be issued under provisions of Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953, with the usual right of way reservation.

Application was presented from Etta H. Arnold with offer of \$150.00 as base bid for advertising 93 lots—approximately 10 acres—in Bithlo Subdivision, Blocks "S" and "T," Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees deny the application and make counter proposal to advertise the lots with base bid of \$5.00 per lot, as recent records indicate that lots in the same subdivision have sold for prices in excess of the base bid.

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dixie County, acting as agent for the Trustees, requests that base bid be fixed for a parcel of land 65 feet east and west by 156 feet north and south, in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, Township 10 South, Range 12 East. It was explained that a building which was on the property in 1932 has since been destroyed or removed.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees fix a base bid of \$10.00 for advertising the lot described.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates covering land in Alachua, Marion and Okaloosa Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that no title vested in the state by virtue of said certificates.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor - Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
May 18, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells reported a number of sales were advertised to be held on this date as follows:

DADE COUNTY—On April 6, 1954, the Trustees considered application from Mr. Guido T. Caserta for seven (7) parcels of land, to-wit:

- Parcel 1—136.04 acres, more or less, in Sections 10 and 17, Township 52 South, Range 39 East—Bid of \$40.00 an acre;
- Parcel 2—464.85 acres, more or less, in Section 17, Township 52 South, Range 40 East—Bid of \$60.00 an acre;
- Parcel 3—410 acres, more or less, in Section 21, Township 52 South, Range 40 East—Bid of \$60.00 an acre;
- Parcel 4—410 acres, more or less, in Section 31, Township 52 South, Range 40 East—Bid of \$50.00 an acre;
- Parcel 5—160 acres, more or less, in Section 8, Township 53 South, Range 39 East—Bid of \$40.00 an acre;
- Parcel 6—230 acres, more or less, in Section 9, Township 53 South, Range 39 East—Bid of \$40.00 an acre;
- Parcel 7—330 acres, more or less, in Section 33, Township 53 South, Range 39 East—Bid of \$40.00 an acre.

Part of the above parcels subject to canal reservations.

The Trustees authorized the land advertised for competitive bids starting with offers submitted by applicant, and notice of the sale was published in the Miami Herald on April 19, 26, May 3, 10 and 17, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the seven parcels and the highest bid received in each case is as follows:

- Parcel 1—\$41.25 an acre offered by Mr. Irvin Garten;
- Parcel 2—\$60.00 an acre from Mr. Guido T. Caserta;
- Parcel 3—\$76.00 an acre from Mr. Henry A. Hersh;
- Parcel 4—\$50.00 an acre from Mr. Guido T. Caserta;
- Parcel 5—\$40.00 an acre from Mr. Guido T. Caserta;
- Parcel 6—\$40.00 an acre from Mr. Guido T. Caserta;
- Parcel 7—\$40.00 an acre from Mr. Guido T. Caserta.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the highest bid offered in each case and confirm sales in favor of such bidders, subject to canal reservations where applicable.

DADE COUNTY—On April 6, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$25.00 per lot from Mr. N. Lichtenberg for purchase of all Lots 12 to 15, inclusive, Block 1; Lots 1 to 6, inclusive, 9 to 11, inclusive, and 13 to 23 inclusive, Block 4, and Lots 1 to 11, inclusive, Block 10, Greater Miami Sections A, B and C, Section 5, Township 55 South, Range 40 East. The Trustees authorized the land advertised for competitive bids, starting at \$25.00 per lot, and notice of the sale was published in the Miami Herald on April 19, 26, May 3, 10 and 17, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$350.00 per lot being offered by Mr. I. E. Brenner.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept offer of \$350.00 per lot and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Brenner.

DADE COUNTY—On April 6, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$60.00 an acre from Mr. Joe Kelleher for purchase of Tracts 11, 14, 15, 19, 61, 62 and 63; East 3/5, less North 100 feet, of Tract 12; and East 3/5, less South 100 feet, of Tract 13, all in Section 15, Township 52 South, Range 40 East, containing 78.36 acres, more or less. The Trustees authorized the land advertised for competitive bids starting at \$60.00 an acre, and notice of the sale was published in the Miami Herald on April 19, 26, May 3, 10 and 17, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$120.25 an acre from Mr. Irvin Garten.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$120.25 per acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Garten.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On April 6, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$600.00 for the parcel, or \$20.00 an acre from Mrs. Rose Rome for purchase of the N½ of SE¼ of NE¼ and SW¼ of SE¼ of NE¼ of Section 28, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, containing 30 acres, more or less. The Trustees authorized the land advertised for competitive bids, starting at \$20.00 an acre, and notice of the sale was published in the DeLand Sun on April 19, 26, May 3, 10 and 17, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$26.00 an acre being made by Mr. I. E. Brenner.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid and confirm sale of the land in favor of Mr. Brenner.

The following parcels were advertised for objections only, on application from the adjoining upland owner.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On March 22, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Owens, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Indian River North, Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, containing 1.0 acre, more or less, lying east of and adjacent to Lot 7, Block 1, River-edge acres. The Trustees authorized the land advertised for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun-News on April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 1954, with sale to be

held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On March 22, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. W. R. Clements, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Waters, for purchase of a parcel of submerged and tidal marsh in Indian River in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, containing 0.5 of an acre, more or less, and lying east of and across Riverside Drive from Lot 3, Block 1, Totem Park Subdivision, Edgewater. The Trustees authorized the land advertised for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun-News on April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On March 30, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. W. R. Clements, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Verne L. Udell, for purchase of 1.18 acres of filled, semi-submerged and submerged land in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, lying easterly of and across Riverside Drive from Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Totem Park Subdivision. The Trustees authorized the land advertised for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun-News on April 16, 23, 30, May 7 and 14, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On March 22, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. David P. Wollowick for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Old Tampa Bay containing 0.42 of an acre, more or less, in Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, located immediately across the highway from Block 2, Leach and Strains Subdivision. The Trustees authorized the land advertised for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on April 16, 23, 30, May 7 and 14, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On March 30, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 an acre, or a minimum of \$100.00 from Mr. Al W. Furen, on behalf of Harold W. Elgin and wife, for purchase of a parcel of

submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay, adjacent to and northerly of the balance of Tract 14 of plat vacating portions of Replat of St. Petersburg, containing 0.076 of an acre, more or less, in Section 36, Township 31 South, Range 15 East. The Trustees authorized the land advertised for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on April 16, 23, 30, May 7 and 14, 1954, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

PALM BEACH COUNTY—On March 22, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. George S. Brockway, on behalf of Lori Lisa, Inc., for purchase of 2.75 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Boca Ratones Lagoon, Section 16, Township 47 South, Range 43 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on April 16, 23, 30, May 7 and 14, 1954, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

PALM BEACH COUNTY—On March 22, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. George S. Brockway, on behalf of Mr. James A. Bowers, for purchase of 0.55 of an acre, more or less, of submerged land in Boca Ratones Lagoon, located in Section 33, Township 46 South, Range 43 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 1954, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

MONROE COUNTY—On March 30, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Joseph Y. Porter, on behalf of Mr. Hugh Parks Brown, Jr., for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land in the Bay of Florida, lying northerly of and adjacent to the Westerly 30 feet of Tract 17, and the Easterly 45 feet of Tract 18, of Hilton Haven Subdivision Section No. 2, on the Island of Key West, Florida, containing 0.52 of an acre, more or less, in Township 67 South, Range 25 East. The Trustees authorized the land advertised for objections only, as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on April 16, 23, 30, May 7 and 14, 1954, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

MONROE COUNTY—On March 30, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$275.00 from Ward and Ward, on behalf of Mr. R. W. Craig, for purchase of 0.275 of an acre, more or less, of submerged land in Section 30, Township 64 South, Range 36 East. The Trustees authorized the land advertised for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on April 16, 23, 30, May 7 and 14, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in the upland owners of property adjoining the nine (9) parcels of land advertised for objections only, at the prices offered.

Mr. William H. Beardall, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Moss, offers \$300.00 an acre, or \$33.00 for 0.11 of an acre of lake bottom land on Lake Conway, adjoining their upland property in Lot 8, Block "A," Lake Conway Park, Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the land without advertising.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged land adjoining upland property of applicants:

SARASOTA COUNTY—Mr. Walter S. Hardin, on behalf of Mr. B. D. S. Blagden and Mr. Arthur Gwynne, offers \$200.00 an acre for two parcels of submerged land in Lemon Bay, containing 15 acres and 2.2 acres, respectively, located in Section 22, Township 40 South, Range 19 East;

SARASOTA COUNTY—Mr. John F. Burkett, Jr., on behalf of Mr. Lambert G. Neff, offers \$200.00 an acre for 1.42 acres of submerged land in Blackburn Bay, Sections 22 and 23, Township 38 South, Range 18 East;

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY—Mr. A. B. Michael offers \$375.00 for 1.87 acres of island property adjacent to the shore in Section 27, Township 31 South, Range 39 East. The island is not separated by a channel from upland property;

MONROE COUNTY—Mr. John P. Goggin, on behalf of Mr. Charles Clinton, offers \$200.00 an acre for 2 acres of submerged land in Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East;

MONROE COUNTY—Mr. Allan B. Cleare, Jr., on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Max Cohen, offers \$200.00 an acre for 0.36 of an acre of submerged land in the City of Key West, Township 68 South, Range 25 East; and

PINELLAS COUNTY—Mr. Bradley Waldron offers \$100.00 an acre for 6 acres of submerged land on Panama Key in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, Township 32 South, Range 16 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise for objections only six (6) parcels applied for by adjoining upland owners, based on the offers submitted.

Mr. Elliot presented certified copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County May 7, 1954, in which request was made that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund grant permission to construct and maintain a dam to control water levels in Lake Jackson in Leon County and Lake Miccosukee, partly in Leon and Jefferson Counties; that the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission be requested to cooperate with the Trustees and the boards of County Commissioners of the two counties in securing the necessary structures to maintain appropriate water levels in the lakes and petitioning financial assistance and cooperation in construction of dams and other works.

Mr. Christie Hall and Mr. Jack Levins, County Commissioners of Leon County, and Mr. Lewis Hall, County Attorney, were present and urged that the Trustees assist the counties in every way possible toward controlling the water levels of the two lakes.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees request Mr. Elliot, in consultation with Col. A. G. Matthews of the Water Survey and Research Division of the State Board of Conservation, to work with the County Commissioners of the two counties in preparing a suitable permit and in developing plans for the work proposed.

Mr. Elliot presented suggested standard form for use by the Trustees in leasing state land for farming and grazing purposes. He stated that no standard form has ever been adopted, and that it would be preferable to have all such leases uniform. The suggested form has been approved by Mr. Fred Burns of the Attorney General's office and is presented for consideration.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the form presented, as approved by the Attorney General's office, and directed that such form be used on all farm and grazing leases, except in special cases where action of the Trustees on a particular lease provides for additional things to be performed by the Trustees and/or lessee, or other special features; however, the provisions in the standard form are to be included in special cases wherever such provisions are applicable.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment for the following salaries and necessary expenses:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary.....	\$ 875.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer.....	525.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant.....	450.00
W. R. Culbreath, Attorney.....	200.00
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant.....	400.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk.....	458.33
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk.....	400.00
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer.....	291.67
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent.....	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent.....	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid.....	27.50
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To Principal of State School Fund.....	11,800.66
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State Board of Conservation.....	13,926.04
Treasurer of United States, Washington, D. C. For water investigation work—U.S.G.S.....	6,357.94
F. C. Elliot—Expenses to Stark, Fla.....	9.37
C. M. Gay, Comptroller—Travel vouchers.....	59.70
W. R. Culbreath—Expenses.....	15.01
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	78.00
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	13.87
Langley Bell, CCC Escambia County— Recording fee	1.25
Loran L. Cook, CCC Washington County— Recording fee	1.50
E. B. Leatherman, CCC Dade County— Recording fee	1.25
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.....	23.25
Shell Oil Company, Atlanta, Ga.....	6.38
Doris D. Benson & P. Bruce Benson—Refund, Deed No. 20548, Sarasota County land.....	300.00
Sinclair Wells—Expenses	125.70
Treasurer of U. S. A.—Work in Lake Conway area by Geological Survey.....	125.00
Inland Navigation District, Everglades Drainage District, & Dade Drainage District taxes.....	30.32
 TOTAL.....	\$36,777.74

Financial Statements for the Month of April are as follows:

CHAPTER 610

Balance as of April 1, 1954.....	\$265,784.01
Receipts for the Month:	
Land Sales—Gross	\$44,643.66
Less returned check.....	178.11
Land Sales—Net	44,465.55 44,465.55

Sale of Fill Material.....	1,540.00
Sale of Trustees Minutes.....	22.00
Interest on Contracts.....	157.73
Drainage Tax Refund.....	1,205.30
Quitclaim Deeds	50.00
250 Interest Coupons, FSIC Jax	
Expressway	3,125.00
Fill Material	1,767.50
Reimbursement for Advertising.....	27.60
Refund of Transportation—National	
Air Lines	35.30
Farm Lease	326.60
Campsite Leases	220.35
Oil and Gas Lease.....	2,420.00
Mineral Leases	433.95
Sand and Shell Leases.....	14,449.99
Timber Lease	214.40
Miscellaneous Leases	495.00
Grazing Leases	873.25
Total Net Receipts for the Month....	71,829.52
GRAND TOTAL	337,613.53
Less Disbursements for the Month.....	39,089.52
BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 1954.....	\$298,524.01

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF APRIL, 1954

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
4-2-54	259938	W. R. Culbreath.....	\$ 20.55
4-5-54	260508	J. Edwin Larson—	
		Transfer to G.R.....	7,153.31
4-12-54	270309	Southeastern Telephone Co.....	72.60
	270310	Western Union Telegraph Co.....	12.13
	270311	Dell Hart Typewriter Co.....	4.50
	270312	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.....	2.10
	270313	Standard Oil Co.....	18.41
	270314	J. W. Coleman.....	33.75
	270315	The Florida Times Union.....	22.50
4-7-54	264941	Marie J. Bird.....	110.00
4-13-54	270605	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
		Tr. to Prin. State School Fund...	15,531.38
	270606	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
		Tr. to State Bd. Conservation....	7,209.59
4-15-54	276140	Ralph M. McLane.....	35.25
4-19-54	278115	C. M. Gay, Comptroller.....	82.36
4-20-54	279400	W. R. Culbreath.....	18.15
	279401	A. O. Ward, Tax Collector.....	1.92
4-26-54	283935	Ralph M. McLane.....	10.92
	283936	Sinclair Wells	40.27
4-27-54	285451	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster.....	15.00
	285452	Wyatt's Business Machines.....	4.00
	285453	Hunt, Salley & Roman.....	104.33

285454	T. Coburn Moore, CCC Hendry County	320
285455	Ed Scott, CCC Collier County.....	3.20
285456	DeLand Sun-News	13.80
285457	Glades County Democrat.....	13.80
284929	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tr. to U.S.G.S.	4,650.00
4-30-54	F. C. Elliot.....	713.75
	A. R. Williams.....	420.65
	A. C. Bridges.....	350.93
	W. R. Culbreath.....	190.00
	J. B. Linn.....	349.25
	M. O. Barco.....	361.71
	J. L. Dedge.....	333.50
	B. G. Shelfer.....	237.11
	Sinclair Wells	213.75
	C. M. Greene.....	47.50
	R. N. Landers	26.13
	Blue Cross of Florida.....	23.15
	Southern States Life Ins. Co.....	17.55
	5% Retirement Fund.....	175.12
	Federal Tax	442.40
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF		
APRIL, 1954		\$39,089.52

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of April 1, 1954.....	\$3,900.00
Receipts for the Month:	
April 26—Lake County Commissioners..	750.00
April 27—I. I. Fund—Chapter 610.....	4,650.00
Total Receipts for the Month.....	5,400.00
GRAND TOTAL	5,400.00
Less Disbursements .....	.00
BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 1954.....	\$9,300.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296**Receipts to General Revenue:**

April 2, 1954	\$ 765.39
April 16, 1954	5,651.55

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH OF	
APRIL, 1954	6,416.94

Disbursements from General Revenue:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
4-30-54	246021	E. Hewitt	\$348.74
	246022	M. C. Pichard.....	259.06
	246023	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co...	7.75
	246024	5% Retirement Fund.....	20.54

246025	Federal Tax	66.40
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF		
APRIL, 1954		\$702.49

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received from sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Citrus	5-11-54	1
Hardee	3-22-54	1
Polk	3-31-54	9
Taylor	3-29-54	1
Washington	5-7-54	1

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Mr. Hugh Britton requests duplicate deed issued in lieu of Hillsborough County Deed No. 4224 dated October 19, 1945, said original having been lost prior to recording.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of Duplicate Hillsborough County Deed No. 4224 to Mr. Britton upon payment of \$5.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following quitclaim deeds for the purpose of releasing all or a portion of state road right of way in each deed as approved by the State Road Department:

- Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 742 to Abb Alexander & wife
- Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1134 to Kenneth L. Galusha & wife
- Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 1467 to Louis F. Steffen
- Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 2085 to Theo. M. Hays
- Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 2474 to Clifford E. Smiley
- Pt. Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 3684 to Kenneth L. Galusha & wife
- Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 2762-EDDJ to T. J. Spellman & wife
- Pt. Duval County Q.C. Deed No. 2774 to Herman Bloom & wife
- Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 929 to W. K. Jeffrey & wife
- Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1130 to Wilbert E. Geesey & wife
- Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 1130 to C. N. Sells & wife
- Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3102 to R. A. Hart
- Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3382 to Mary E. Gramling

Pt. Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4630 to J. J. Hedgepeth & wife
 Pt. Martin Co. Q.C. Deed No. 706 to Otto J. Matousek & wife
 Pt. Okeechobee Co. Q.C. Deed No. 24 to James L. Robbins
 Orange County Q.C. Deed No. Mun.-45 to Town of Apopka
 City
 Osceola County Q.C. Deed No. 54 to Howard Young
 Palm Beach Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2072 to Ernest A. Richmond
 Palm Beach Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2163 to Otto Lombardo & wife
 Pinellas Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2486 to G. L. Dunn
 Pt. St. Lucie Co. Q.C. Deed No. 449 to Austin Kresge & Mabel
 Sanders
 Washington County Q.C. Deed No. 22 to Hoyt Armstrong

Request was presented from Mr. John Shepard of Cocoa, Florida, representing Orlando Atlantic Beach Company, that the Trustees accept bids totaling \$35.50 for Block 43, Plat of Pineda, in Sections 12 and 13, Township 26 South, Range 36 East, and in Section 18, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County.

Mr. Elliot explained that owing to an error in advertising the land, no bids were received on date of sale, but applicants deposited said amount as base bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline request and make counter proposal to allow the lots readvertised with base bid of \$2.50 per lot.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the City of Tampa, Florida, for adoption of a resolution by the Trustees authorizing use of a drainage ditch easement now held by the State Road Department on the West 30 feet of Lots 123, 70, 27 and 22 of Midwest Subdivision in Section 21, Township 29 South, Range 18 East, Hillsborough County. It was recommended that an instrument be executed in favor of the City of Tampa, which will enable the State Road Department to assign its easement to the city, or that the State Road Department release its easement to the Trustees and the Trustees in turn give the City of Tampa an easement for use of the drainage ditch.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the suggestion of Mr. Elliot subject to approval by the Attorney General of the instrument to be issued.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in Murphy Act Certificate No. Bal. 2098 of September 5, 1927, Pinellas County, the Attorney General's office having advised that no title vested in the state to the land covered by said certificate.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted,

that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment for the following salaries:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper.....	\$410.83
M. C. Pichard, Secretary-Clerk.....	291.66
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TOTAL.....	\$702.49

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor - Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

June 1, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated May 11 and 18, 1954, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the minutes as presented be approved.

Mr. Wells presented three sales advertised to be held May 25, 1954, but owing to a quorum not being present, bids were received on that date and held for action today.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY—On April 6, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$50.00 from Miss Irena L. Williams for purchase of Lots 6 and 12 and the South 10 feet of Lots 5 and 11, Block 8 of South Okeechobee, a subdivision of Section 21, Township 37 South, Range 35 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$50.00, and notice of the sale was published in the Okeechobee News on April 23, 30, May 7, 14 and 21, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and a high bid of \$75.00 was received from Mr. Nathan Zemel of Newark, New

Jersey. Mr. Wells stated that the bids would be reported to the Trustees at the next meeting, and he would recommend that the lots be sold for not less than \$100.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve sale of the lots at a price of \$100.00, if applicant would meet that bid.

MONROE COUNTY—On April 6, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from M. Ignatius Lester for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land in an un-named lagoon, lying southeasterly of Lots 40, 41 and 42, in Sun Krest Subdivision, located in a part of Government Lot 1, Section 34, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, on Stock Island, containing 1.2 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on April 23, 30, May 7, 14 and 21, 1954, with sale to be held May 25th. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Lester at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On April 6, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Treasure Island Properties, Inc., for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Straits of Florida, in Section 15, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, containing 11.42 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on April 23, 30, May 7, 14, and 21, 1954, with sale to be held May 25, 1954. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve sale of the land described in favor of Treasure Island Properties, Inc., at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells reported that on September 1, 1953, eighty-three (83) lots in the City of Okeechobee, Okeechobee, County, were advertised and sold to Mr. E. P. Abney on his bid of \$5,026.00. Later Mr. Abney withdrew his bid and asked that the land be readvertised. On September 24, 1953, the Trustees denied the request but agreed to lease the land on a basis of \$5.00 per acre per annum. Nothing further has been heard from Mr. Abney and it is recommended that the Trustees cancel the whole deal and notify Mr. Abney to vacate the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the recommendation of Mr. Wells be approved as the action of the Trustees, and that notice be served on Mr. Abney that he vacate the land.

Mr. Brady M. Green applied to purchase Lot 24, Block 9, Plat of Fairview, lying and being in Section 2, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, Broward County. Explanation was given that this is a small triangular parcel of land back of and adjoining property of Mr. Green, and is without access to any road. Mr. Wells recommends that the parcel be sold to Mr. Green at a price of \$50.00 without advertising.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize sale of the lot to Mr. Green at the price suggested, without advertising for bids.

The following applications were presented from upland owners for purchase of submerged land in Sarasota County:

Mr. Robert S. Baynard, on behalf of Larry F. Gardner, offers \$200.00 an acre for approximately 2 acres of submerged land adjoining his upland property in Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 18 East;

Mr. John C. Pinkerton, on behalf of Paul H. Davis, offers \$200.00 per acre for 1.19 acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 35, Township 38 South, Range 18 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the two parcels advertised for objections only based on the offers submitted.

The following offers were presented for land in Union and Collier Counties:

\$20.00 an acre from Mr. O. M. Shallar for W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, Union County;

\$10.00 an acre from John Gray for land in Section 32, Township 48 South, Range 29 East, Collier County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the two parcels advertised for competitive bids, starting with the offers submitted.

Report from Mr. Elliot to Trustees, dated May 28, 1954, was called for by the State Board of Conservation in reference to resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County pertaining to damage being done fish by seismograph operations by oil companies in the Gulf of Mexico off the shores of Sarasota County.

It was agreed that a hearing before the Conservation Board would be held within the next thirty days.

Mr. Elliott reported that the Trustees have a balance as of May 31, 1954, amounting to \$336,481.01, and recommends the investment of \$300,000.00 in bonds meeting the specifications of Chapter 25416, Acts of 1949 (Sec. 253.64 Florida Statutes). Also that the Trustees have on hand bonds and revenue certificates, par value, \$2,240,000.00 purchased at \$2,239,288.00, with annual yield from said investments of \$58,529.00; average rate of interest 2.61%. With investment of \$300,000.00 the interest yield will be sufficient to pay all office operating expense of the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize investment of funds as recommended by Mr. Elliot with the suggestion that consideration be given to an issue of school bonds which will be on the market in the near future. It was so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize warrant in amount of \$300.00 issued in favor of F. Bendel Tracy representing refund for overpayment of Sarasota County Land.

Mr. Elliot reported that Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District has completed its plans for flood control work in the area northwest of Miami along the Miami Canal and that land owned by the state will be much more valuable than in the past; that it is recommended that the Trustees withdraw from sale all state owned land west of Miami Canal and north of Tamiami Canal.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees withdraw from sale all state owned land in the area described located in the following sections, townships and ranges, Dade County:

**LAND WEST OF MIAMI CANAL
AND NORTH OF TAMIAAMI CANAL**

*Owned by
State*

160 acres in Section 28, Township 53	South, Range 40	East
495 acres in Section 1, Township 53	South, Range 39	East
310 acres in Section 3, Township 53	South, Range 39	East
165 acres in Section 15, Township 53	South, Range 39	East
320 acres in Section 20, Township 53	South, Range 39	East
560 acres in Section 22, Township 53	South, Range 39	East
440 acres in Section 23, Township 53	South, Range 39	East
40 acres in Section 26, Township 53	South, Range 39	East
520 acres in Section 27, Township 53	South, Range 39	East
496.9 " in Lot 4, Townships 53/54	South, Range 39	East

518.7 " in Lot 5, Townships 53/54 South, Range 39 East
 548.7 " in Lot 6, Townships 53/54 South, Range 39 East

4,574.3 acres

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received from sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Citrus	5-25-54	1
Hamilton	5-10-54	2
Jackson	5-10-54	1
Lake	5-10-54	115
Levy	4-19-54	1
Martin	4-12-54	7
Volusia	5-11-54	17

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Request was presented from The L. H. Corporation for quitclaim deed to correct error in Deed No. 1198 dated February 19, 1946.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of Pasco County Deed No. 1198-Cor. to The L. H. Corporation for the purpose of correcting error in description, the Attorney General's office having advised that it was proper to make said correction.

Request was presented from the City of Lynn Haven for conveyance of Lots 1 to 7, inclusive, Block 75, Lynn Haven, Bay County, with offer of \$35.00 for said lots. Said lots are now being occupied by the Boy Scout House.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from the City of Lynn Haven for the lots and authorize deed issued under Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943.

The Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County offers \$5.00 for Lot 14, Block 325, Unit No. 10, Town of Homosassa, with the explanation that through error the county foreclosed on this lot and later sold it to an individual.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize issuance of deed to the county for the lot described.

Lake County Board of Public Instruction requests that the Trustees rescind dedication of Lots 2 to 9, inclusive, Block "O," Okahumpka, Florida, and that conveyance of said lots be made in favor of Lake County at a price of \$75.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees rescind dedication to the Board of Public Instruction of Lake County of the above described lots and that conveyance of said lots be authorized in favor of Lake County, under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, upon payment of \$75.00, which is equal to the regular base bid.

Offer of \$50.00 was presented from Nassau County for conveyance of Lot 7, Block 24, City of Fernandina. It was explained that the offer is less than the base bid but that improvements on the land when it was assessed in 1932 have been destroyed by fire and the offer is equal to one-fourth of the present assessed value; the county desires the lot as a site for the County Health Center.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the lot to the county under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943.

The State Road Department makes application for deed conveying Lots 14 and 39 and East 28.2 feet of Lot 15, Block 10, Regina Palm Subdivision, St. Lucie County, to be used for drainage ditch purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant the request and authorize conveyance of the lot to the State Road Department.

Request was presented from Volusia County for reduction in base bid for advertising approximately 638 lots in the Subdivision of Carnell, in Section 31, Township 18 South, Range 32 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the lots advertised with base bid of \$2.50 per lot for all lots having a width less than fifty (50) feet and \$5.00 per lot for all lots having a width of fifty (50) feet or more.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Alachua, Bay, Citrus, Franklin, Lee, Okaloosa and Taylor Counties, the Attorney General's office having approved such disposition for the reason said certificates vested no title in the land covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller - Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

June 8, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells reported that the following sales were advertised to be held on this date:

DADE COUNTY—On April 20, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Joe Kelleher for purchase of all of Southern Heights, a subdivision in Section 19, Township 53 South, Range 40 East, containing 29.76 acres, more or less, exclusive of streets, and all of Nu-Washington Heights, a subdivision in Section 21, Township 53 South, Range 40 East, containing 6.96 acres, more or less, exclusive of streets. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$100.00 an acre and notice of the sale was published in the Miami Herald on May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out as two separate tracts and a high bid of \$3,936.00 was received from Mr. Byrhl B. Carlton of Miami, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$3,936 and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Carlton.

DADE COUNTY—On April 20, 1954, the Trustees considered application from Mr. Thomas H. Horobin who offered \$151.00 an acre for all of Greater Miami Heights Section No. 1, a subdivision in Section 5, Township 55 South, Range 39 East, less Lots 21 to 24, inclusive, Block 2 and Lot 46, Block 4; also all of Greater Miami Heights Section No. 2, a subdivision in Section 5, Township 55 South, Range 39 East, less Lots 33 to 36, inclusive, and 44, 45 and 46, Block 42; Lots 33 and

34, Block 44, and Lots 7 and 8, Block 79, containing 232 acres, more or less, exclusive of streets; also a bid of \$75.00 an acre for the W½ of Section 20, Township 58 South, Range 39 East, containing 320 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids starting with the offers from applicant and notice of the sale was published in the Miami Herald on May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land in Greater Miami Heights, Sections 1 and 2, containing 232 acres, and a high bid of \$191.00 an acre was made by Mr. Joe Kelleher on behalf of Mr. Thomas H. Horobin.

Mr. Wells explained that in February 1953, the land in Greater Miami Heights Sections 1 and 2, was advertised for sale and bid in at a price of \$151.00 per acre but the high bidders failed to complete the sale. Later Mr. Horobin offered to take up the sale at the high bid but the Trustees directed that the land be readvertised with a starting bid of \$151.00 an acre, and also advertised the 320 acres in Section 20, Township 58 South, Range 39 East, with a starting bid of \$75.00 an acre.

Mr. Henry G. Simmonite stated that he represents the original owners of the land who lost their title under the Murphy Act, and was asking that the sale not be made today; that he has filed application with Mr. Elliot for deed under Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953; that under said Act the original owner has the right to come before the Trustees and request that his offer to purchase be considered without public sale; that his clients are offering \$25,000.00 which is more than amount of taxes and is adequate compensation for the land. He stated that application has been filed as required by the law passed last year and he feels that if the sale is held today it will jeopardize his clients' position.

Mr. Wells explained that there is no law requiring advertisement of this land—the acreage being less than one-half section—but it was done in an effort to secure the best price possible. He recommends that sale be made today and that the Trustees withhold delivery of the contract for thirty (30) days, which will allow Mr. Simmonite sufficient time to take legal action if he so desired.

Attorney General Ervin stated that there may be a legal question involved; that in 1953 the Legislature passed what may be termed a "hardship" law to permit persons who lost title under the Murphy Act to make application to purchase and left it in the discretion of the Trustees as to whether they would accept the compromise settlement. The land has lost its identity as Murphy Act land, brought about through exchanges with Everglades Drainage District and later being sold to the Internal Improvement Fund which holds lands of a different category. He feels in all fairness the Trustees should go ahead with the sale today but withhold deed until it can be ascertained whether Mr. Simmonite's clients have the right to have their application considered under Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953.

Upon question from Comptroller Gay as to whether title to the land vested in the Trustees after the 1953 Act, the reply was that deed to the Trustees was executed before the Act was passed.

Mr. Elliot explained that this land came to the state under the Murphy Act in 1939 to be administered by the Trustees for the state; that under Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, it was provided that the Trustees could convey Murphy Act land to other state agencies at a price to be agreed upon, without advertisement and public sale; that prior to passage of the 1953 so-called "hardship" act the Trustees purchased the land in question at the regular base bid and it became Internal Improvement Fund land and subject to disposition in the same manner as other Internal Improvement Fund lands; that a large number of lots purchased in the same manner have been sold at competitive bids and conveyed into private ownership.

Attorney General Ervin moved that the Trustees refuse to entertain application from Mr. Simmonite on behalf of his clients for the reason that the Trustees do not believe that the lands are eligible to come within the benefits of Chapter 28317, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1953, but that Mr. Simmonite be given thirty (30) days within which to bring suit to determine if the Trustees are mistaken in believing that the lands are not eligible to come within the purview of the provisions of Chapter 28317. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gay and upon vote adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bid of \$191.00 an acre from Mr. Thomas H. Horobin for the land advertised for sale on this date, containing 232 acres, more or less, in Greater Miami Heights Sections 1 and 2, in Section 5, Township 55 South, Range 39 East, but that delivery of the contract be withheld for thirty (30) days from this date, within which time Mr. Simmonite may file suit to determine whether or not his clients have the right to come under Chapter 28317 of 1953 and make application for the land.

Mr. Wells called out description of the third parcel of land advertised for Mr. Horobin, being the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 20, Township 58 South, Range 39 East, and the only bid received was \$75.00 an acre from Mr. Horobin.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$75.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Horobin.

PINELLAS AND HILLSBOROUGH COUNTIES—On April 27, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$125.00 an acre from Mr. Richard A. Eagle, on behalf of Mr. L. S. Kenney, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Section 34, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, containing 105.08 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids and objections and notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun and the Tampa Tribune on May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy

of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and the only bid received was \$125.00 an acre from Mr. Kenney. No objections were filed to the sale.

Mr. Wells reported that this land was advertised for sale about two years ago and protests were filed by the County Commissioners and the County Park Board of Pinellas County. Agreement has been reached between the applicant and the county whereby the objections are withdrawn conditioned upon the following restrictions being made a part of the deed:

"An easement is hereby reserved across said property of a sufficient width to allow for the obtaining of sufficient right of way for fill and dredging material for the construction, landscaping and beautification of a highway, causeway or bridge across and through said property, said dimensions of said highway, causeway or bridge to be determined either by the State of Florida or County of Pinellas engineering department, and on completion of said highway, causeway or bridge a permanent easement is hereby reserved across said property equal to the width of the filled in highway, causeway or bridge.

That there shall be no pollution of the surrounding waters as a result of the use of the above described property.

That in using said property as a port and seafood industry other water craft shall have the right to dock at a reasonable fee, said fee to be in an amount mutually agreeable to and between the parties involved.

That any highway, causeway or bridge crossing said property shall be landscaped where it crosses said property, and in such a manner that the use of said property will not detract from the scenic drive of said causeway, highway or bridge."

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$125.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Kenney, subject to the restrictions as required by the County Commissioners of Pinellas County being made a part of said deed.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY—On April 20, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Earl D. Farr for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Lemon Bay, Sections 1 and 12, Township 41 South, Range 19 East, lying northwesterly, northeasterly and easterly of a mangrove island in said Lemon Bay and being approximately 800 feet offshore from Government Lots 1 and 2 of Section 12 of said township and range, said submerged parcel containing 36.53 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Punta Gorda Herald May 6, 13, 20, 27 and June 3, 1954, with sale to be

held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and stated that objections to the sale have been filed by West Coast Inland Navigation District together with map showing the area covered by the protest. Mr. Wells recommends that the sale be made of a restricted area, the parcel covered by objections from the Navigation District to be eliminated from sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Farr, and authorize conveyance of the restricted area; that portion to which objections were filed by West Coast Inland Navigation District to be eliminated from the deed.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On April 27, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from Mr. C. I. Carey, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. Burnell, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay lying adjacent to and west of Lots 34 and 35, Jungle Shores Subdivision No. 5, in Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, containing 0.16 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported no objections having been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Burnell and wife at the price offered—\$100.00 for the parcel.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On April 20, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Nathan Natapow for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Old Tampa Bay, in Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, lying southeasterly of and across Bay Shore Drive from Lot 18, Block "A," Washington-Brennan Subdivision, containing 1.0 acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Natapow at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On April 20, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. John F. Burkett, Jr., on behalf of Mr. Thomas Lunt, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Lyons Bay in Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 18 East, lying adjacent to and westerly and northwesterly of Lots 2, 3 and 4, Block 45 of Bay Point Subdivision, containing 2.8 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Lunt at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On April 27, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from Mr. Charles W. Luther for Adams J. Stahle, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Halifax River in Section 34, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, lying southwesterly of and across South Peninsula Drive between the southwesterly extension of the north line of Lot 10 and south line of the north 30 feet of Lot 7, Block 2, Roger's North Orita, containing 0.8 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the DeLand News on May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Stahle at the price offered—\$100.00 for the parcel.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On April 27, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Peter B. Thomas for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Halifax River in Section 26, Township 14 South, Range 32 East, lying west of and adjacent to Lots 14 and 15, Block 11, ORTONA NORTH, containing 0.915 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the DeLand News on May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Thomas at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On April 20, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Paul Sawyer, on behalf of F. P. Sadowski Corporation, for purchase of two parcels of submerged land in Bonefish Bight in Section 5, Township 66 South, Range 33 East, the first parcel lying westerly and northerly of Government Lot 5 of said Section 5, containing 4 acres, more or less; the second parcel lying northerly of Government Lots 6 and 7 of said Section 5, with an arm or leg extending northwesterly to connect with Government Lot 2 of said Section 5, containing 89.18 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, and adopted, that the Trustees approve the sale of the land described in favor of F. P. Sadowski Corporation at the price offered—100.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On April 20, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. H. Lee Swanson, on behalf of Mr. Willie Felton, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Bay of Florida, in Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, lying northwesterly of and adjacent to Lot 10, Block 5, of the resubdivision of a part of Block 2 and all of Block 5 of Marathon Beach, containing 1 acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Felton at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

Mr. Zell H. Altman, on behalf of Mrs. Estella B. Pierce, offers \$200.00 an acre for 19.46 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Clarke adjacent to her upland property in Section 16, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted,

that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the land to Mrs. Pierce without advertisement, which is not required by law.

Mr. Francis E. Love, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Vournas, makes application to purchase 4.76 acres of submerged land adjoining their upland property in Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only, as required by law, upon receipt of an offer of \$250.00 an acre.

The following offers were presented for purchase of submerged land adjoining upland property of applicants:

Mr. Evert Nolten offers \$100.00 for a small parcel of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Avondale Subdivision, Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County;

Mr. E. O. Denison, on behalf of R. N. Koblegard, offers \$50.00 an acre for 14 acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 1, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to have the lands applied for advertised for objections only, as required by law, based on the offers submitted.

Mr. Frank Y. Ridgely offers \$300.00 an acre for a small island known as "Jackass Key" located at Longitude 82° 43' .0 West, Latitude 27° 40' .1 North, containing 2 acres in Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the island for competitive bids, starting with the offer submitted.

Mr. H. G. Lofton offers \$250.00 an acre for purchase of 63.72 acres of land in Royal Palm Heights Subdivision, Royal Palm Heights 1st Addition, and Resubdivision of Royal Palm Heights, all in Section 3, Township 58 South, Range 38 East, Dade County, Florida. Mr. Wells stated that the land is now under lease No. 820 issued to Mr. H. G. Lofton and Mr. E. B. Neill.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids starting with the offer of \$250.00 an acre, sale to be subject to Lease No. 820.

Mr. B. Tarlow, on behalf of Standard Ore and Alloys Corporation,

applies for lease to mine heavy minerals such as ilmenite, rutile, other titanium minerals, zircon, monazite and accessory minerals, but not to include petroleum and natural gas. The area applied for comprises submerged land between high and low water marks from Piney Point in Taylor County to Pepper Fish Keys in Dixie County; also submerged areas from Collier-Lee County line southerly to the northwest boundary of Everglades National Park in Collier County, except any lands within or later to be included in the park.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize lease under the same terms and conditions as similar leases, said lease to exclude any area now or hereafter to be included within the park boundaries.

Dr. D. Jerome Harold makes application for a campsite lease on an area 200 feet by 200 feet on Long Arsnicker Key in Section 13, Township 58 South, Range 40 East, Dade County, and offers \$50.00 annual rental for a ten (10) year lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to a five-year lease of the parcel applied for at the rental offered—\$50.00 annually.

Mr. Wells reported that the Trustees by Deed No. 20635, dated April 22, 1954, conveyed certain lands in Franklin County to Clifford C. Land and Jay A. Shuler. The purchase was made for the purpose of attempting to settle some litigation between the above named parties and Mr. Bob Sealey. Since the property was sold it has developed that an oil lease on the land prevents Messrs. Land and Shuler from settling the lawsuit by conveyance of said property purchased by them in Deed No. 20635. Mr. Clyde W. Atkinson, attorney, requests that the Trustees permit Messrs. Land and Shuler to reconvey the said land to the Trustees and recover the money paid by them to the state.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of Messrs. Land and Shuler and upon reconveyance to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the property described in Deed No. 20635 that refund warrant be issued in favor of grantees in said deed for the amount paid—\$6,690.00.

Mr. Wells requested reconsideration of price recommended by him for sale of two parcels of submerged land in Lemon Bay, Sarasota County, applied for by Mr. Walter S. Hardin, on behalf of Mr. B. D. S. Blagden and Arthur Gwynne. The price recommended at the May 18th meeting was \$200.00 but upon checking the location it was found that the price was excessive as the price prevailing in that area is \$100.00 an acre, and it was recommended that Mr. Hardin be allowed to purchase at that price.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted,

that the Trustees rescind former action as to price fixed and agree that the land be advertised for objections only on the basis of \$100.00 an acre.

Mrs. Florence H. VorKeller requests two-year extension of Sand Lease No. 825 from September 19, 1954. The area from which sand will be taken is in front of her property on Indian River at Melbourne, Florida, in Brevard County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize renewal of Sand Lease No. 825 for a period of two years from September 19, 1954, under the same terms and conditions as the original lease.

Mr. Elliot presented report that Commonwealth Oil Company, on behalf of itself, Gulf Oil Corporation and Sinclair Oil and Gas Company, all having an interest in Lease No. 362, Dade and Monroe Counties, requests extension of said lease for one (1) year in order to complete certain geophysical work now under way on the leased premises; that if the geophysical work results in indications justifying the drilling of another well in that locality, and the companies undertake the drilling of such well, they desire extension of five (5) years from September 5, 1954, under the same terms and conditions and to become a part of said Lease No. 362.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of Lease No. 362 for a period of one (1) year upon payment in advance of annual rental amounting to \$970.00, and if results are favorable and lessee drills another well, that extension of five years be granted from September 5, 1954, under the same terms and conditions, provided, however, that said extension shall not apply to any area of said lease within the boundaries of Everglades National Park.

SAWGRASS LEASE NO. 746—By letter dated June 3, 1954, Mr. Carl L. Sackett, holder of Lease No. 746, dated August 4, 1950, requests extension of said lease to continue effective under its same terms as if it were a new lease with beginning date of August 4, 1954. Mr. Sackett states that in keeping with his progress report to the Trustees in March 1953, he is going forward with the program but will require additional time for completing that part of said lease set forth under condition One.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve extension of Lease No. 746 for a term of four (4) years, beginning August 4, 1954, under condition One, which extension shall affect all other conditions with respect to time in said lease.

FLORIDA IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION—CAPITOL CENTER

Mr. Elliot reported as information that further search is being made

by the Attorney General's office with reference to bills presented for payment by the Trustees from the Florida State Improvement Commission in amount of \$2820.97 in connection with land acquisition for the Capitol Center. Upon completion of the search the matter will again be called to the attention of the Trustees.

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK—COLLIER DEEDS

Attention was called to the request from National Park Service for conveyance to the United States of certain Collier County lands deeded by the Collier Interests to be held in trust by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund until such time as the National Park Service was authorized to take title and include said lands within Everglades National Park. Mr. Elliot displayed a map showing the lands deeded by the Collier Interests with the statement that in one deed all lands are outside the expanded boundaries of the park, and in the other deed most of the land is located within the park—approximately three sections being outside of the boundaries. It was recommended that the land conveyed by both deeds be returned to the Colliers and let them determine the description of the land within the park boundaries, with conveyance then to be made to the United States or to the Trustees, whichever method shall be agreed upon.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the suggestion of Mr. Elliot and that the lands be reconveyed to the Collier Interests for such disposition as they see fit.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received from sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Bay	5-28-54	23
Bay	5-29-54	1
Duval	4-28-54	17
Hardee	5- 4-54	1
Polk	4-30-54	7
Seminole	5-31-54	10
Taylor	5-31-54	1
Taylor	5-25-54	2

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of Indian River County Deed No. 543-Cor. to Fellsmere Development Corporation, for the purpose of correcting error in description of original deed No. 543 dated July 16, 1945.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for the purpose of releasing state road right of way reserved in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department:

Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 4720 to Morris Roth
 Pt. Dade Co. Q. C. Deed No. 03-Ch. 21684 to Morris Roth
 Dade Co. Q.C. Deed No. 03-Ch. 21684-Suppl-Cor. to Morris Roth
 Pt. Monroe Co. Q. C. Deed Nos. 291 and 476 to J. R. Matthews
 and Grace E. Matthews
 Polk County Q. C. Deed No. 404 to Mrs. H. I. Davis
 Pt. Polk Co. Q. C. Deed No. 1219 to Wm. E. Duffey & wife
 Sumter Co. Q. C. Deed No. 306 to W. L. Deuel

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve disclaiming interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Alachua, Escambia, Manatee and Okaloosa Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that no title vested in the state to the lands covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
 Acting Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
 Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
 June 15, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
 C. M. Gay, Comptroller
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
 Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval, minutes of the Trustees dated March 22 and June 1, 1954, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. B. H. Moon offered \$25.00 per lot for Lots 1 and 2, Block 250,

and Lots 10 and 11, Block 251, Okeechobee City, County of Okeechobee.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the lots for competitive bids starting with the offer of \$25.00 per lot.

Mr. F. Onell Rogells, on behalf of Mr. Edward A. Straka and Alice E. Straka, offers \$100.00 for a small parcel of submerged land comprising 0.069 of an acre lying adjacent to their upland property in Stevens Subdivision, Section 32, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections only, as required by law, based on the offer submitted.

Mr. Wells requested authority to correct Marion County campsite lease No. 675 issued to Homer Klay, the original lease having an error in location as to the county.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize correction lease issued in favor of Mr. Klay.

Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District requests perpetual right of way easement comprising a strip of land 200 feet in total width, which includes the easterly 130 feet of the existing canal right of way, lying easterly of, parallel, contiguous and as measured at right angles to the centerline of the existing channel of the Miami Canal, extending through all that part of the N $\frac{3}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, lying easterly of the Miami Canal, Palm Beach County, to be used in connection with Levee L-25.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement as requested by Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District covering the strip described.

Coastal Petroleum Company requests that credit be allowed on its Lease No. 224-B for footage to be drilled on land not covered by Lease 224-B. The drilling site selected is about one mile from Caloosahatchee River in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 45 South, Range 24 East, Lee County, and Coastal agrees to convey to the Trustees a one-eighth overriding royalty in the 40-acre block.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to allow the footage to be drilled as a credit on Lease 224-B, conditioned upon the one-eighth overriding royalty in the land described being conveyed to the Trustees.

Request was presented from Mr. E. P. Abney that the Trustees accept his offer of \$1500.00 for 83 lots in the City of Okeechobee, Sections 15, 16, 21 and 22, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, comprising 14 acres, more or less. It was explained that on September 1, 1953, the Trustees offered this land for sale for competitive bids starting with Mr. Abney's offer of \$1500.00. Mr. Abney raised the bid to \$5,026.00, but later asked that he be allowed to withdraw his bid as it was more than he could pay for the land. The request was granted and on September 24, 1953, the Trustees agreed to lease the lots to Mr. Abney at \$5.00 an acre annually. This offer was never taken up by Mr. Abney and he now requests the sale be made at his original offer of \$1500.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Abney and confirm sale in his favor without advertisement.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Elliot to purchase two new electric typewriters for the Secretary's office.

Financial Statements for the month of May are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of May 1, 1954.....	\$298,524.01
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Receipts for the Month:	
Land Sales.....	\$43,306.51
Drainage Tax.....	57.05
Quitclaim Deeds.....	125.00
Timber—Inadvertent Trespass.....	115.86
Fill Material.....	2,418.60
Interest on contracts.....	32.20
Interest—School Bonds.....	5,099.50
Campsite Lease.....	51.00
Mineral Leases.....	452.00
Sand and Shell Leases.....	12,890.41
Phosphate Lease.....	300.00
Miscellaneous Leases.....	375.00
Grazing Lease.....	30.00
Total Receipts for the Month.....	65,253.13
GRAND TOTAL.....	65,253.13
Less Disbursements for the Month.....	363,777.14
BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 1954.....	30,419.80
	333,357.34

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1954

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
5- 4-54	290180	F. C. Elliot.....	\$ 9.37
5- 5-54	293565	Sinclair Wells.....	125.70
5- 7-54	296010	E. B. Leatherman, CCC.....	30.32

5-10-54	296881	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer—Tran. to State School Fund	11,800.66
5-11-54	296882	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer—Tr. to St. Bd. Conservation	13,926.04
5-14-54	304572	Southeastern Telephone Co....	78.00
	304573	Western Union Telegraph Co..	13.87
	304574	Langley Bell, CCC	1.25
	304575	Loran L. Cook, CCC.....	1.50
	304576	E. B. Leatherman, CCC.....	1.25
	304577	The H. & W. B. Drew Co....	23.25
	304578	Shell Oil Company.....	6.38
	304579	Doris Davey & P. Bruce Benson	300.00
5-19-54	311280	C. M. Gay, Comptroller.....	59.70
5-20-54	312218	W. R. Culbreath.....	15.01
5-27-54	317416	Treasurer of U. S. A.....	125.00
5-31-54	293059	F. C. Elliot.....	713.75
	293060	A. R. Williams.....	420.65
	293061	A. C. Bridges	350.93
	293062	W. R. Culbreath.....	190.00
	293063	J. B. Linn	349.25
	293064	M. O. Barco	361.71
	293065	J. L. Dedge.....	333.50
	293066	B. G. Shelfer.....	237.11
	293067	Sinclair Wells.....	213.75
	293068	C. M. Greene	47.50
	293069	R. N. Landers.....	26.13
	293070	Blue Cross of Florida.....	23.15
	293071	Southern States Life Ins. Co...	17.55
	293072	5% Retirement Fund.....	175.12
	293073	Federal Tax	442.40
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF			
MAY, 1954			\$30,419.80

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of May 1, 1954.....	\$ 9,300.00
Receipts	— 0 —

Disbursements:

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
5- 5-54	293566	Treasurer U. S. A.....	\$6,357.94
5-27-54	317417	Treasurer U. S. A.....	979.98

Total Disbursements for May, 1954.....	\$7,337.92
BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 1954.....	\$ 1,962.08

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:	
May 3, 1954.....	\$ 2,365.75

May 16, 1954.....	1,723.12
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Total Receipts for May, 1954.....	\$ 4,088.87
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Disbursements from General Revenue:

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
5-31-54	289925	E. Hewitt.....	\$ 348.74
	289926	M. C. Pichard.....	259.06
	289927	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	7.75
	289928	5% Retirement Fund.....	20.54
	289929	Federal Tax.....	66.40
Total Disbursements for May, 1954.....			\$ 702.49

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following bids for sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Jefferson	5-4-54	1
Sumter	6-7-54	1

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of Dade County Deed No. 2316-Cor. to L. J. Murphy for the purpose of correcting name of grantee.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following deeds for the purpose of releasing state road right of way in original deeds, such releases having been approved by the State Road Department:

Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 515 to Shores Development, Inc.
 Pt. Dade Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2563 to Gaspare Rindone
 Dade County Q.C. Deed No. 3105-EDDJ to Samuel Reitman
 Pt. Dade Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3201 to Theo M. Hays
 Pt. Dade Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4065-EDDJ to Joseph Connor
 and wife
 Pt. Dade Co. Q.C. Deed No. 4068-EDDJ to Joseph Connor
 and wife
 Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 942 to Loren R. Nowell
 Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 2795 to Loran R. Nowell
 Hillsborough Co. Q.C. Deed No. 3857 to L. R. Nowell

Request was presented from the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County that the Trustees convey to the county a parcel of land which has been used as a private cemetery. Certified copy of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners has been filed with the Trustees, certifying that if the parcel is conveyed the county will dedicate said land as a cemetery. An offer of \$10.00 was made for the parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance to the County of Seminole, under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, of the North 461.9 feet of South 799.1 feet of West 2 chains of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 29 East, containing 1.4 acres, more or less, it being understood that the county will dedicate land as a cemetery.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustee disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates covering land in Alachua, Bay and Pasco Counties, the Attorney General's office having approved such action on the ground that said certificates vested no title in the State to the land covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

June 22, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Minutes of the Trustees dated June 8 and 15, 1954, were presented for approval with information that copy has been furnished each member. Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

COLLIER COUNTY—On May 11, 1954, the Trustees considered application from Humble Oil and Refining Company for an oil and gas lease on all of unsurveyed Section 2 in Township 47 South, Range 28 East, said section comprising land and/or beds and other bottoms of Lake Trafford, also all other areas constituting the beds and other bottoms of said Lake Trafford, together with all bottoms, lagoons, bayous, sloughs and islands of said lake owned by the State of Florida, estimated to comprise 1320 acres, more or less. Applicant offers the usual rate of \$1.00 an acre per annum rental increasing 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years, with royalty payments of 1/8 in kind. The Trustees agreed to advertise the lease for sealed competitive bids based on the price offered, with bidding to be on the cash consideration for said lease. Notice of the lease was published in the Collier County News and the Tallahassee Democrat on May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 1954, with consideration to be had on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and the only bid received was \$2640.00 from Humble Oil and Refining Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Humble Oil and Refining Company.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY—On May 11, 1954, the Trustees considered offers of \$20.00 per lot from Mrs. E. F. Dudley and Mr. G. C. Durrance; \$15.00 per lot from Mr. G. E. Bryant, Jr., and \$100.00 from Mr. J. T. Smith for 4 lots. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids starting with the offers made by applicants, and notice of sale was published in the Okeechobee News on May 21, 28, June 4, 11 and 18, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in the following high bids:

- Mr. Geo. C. Durrance bid \$21.00 for Lot 1, Block 18, South Okeechobee Subdivision, Section 21;
- Mr. Cecil Holmes bid \$21.00 for Lot 4, Block 1, Davis Subdivision in Section 20;
- Mr. Nathan Zemel bid \$21.00 per lot for Lots 2 and 12, Block 2, Henderson's Subdivision in Section 14;
- Mr. Nathan Zemel bid \$168.00 for Lots 13 and 14, Block 8, Okeechobee Heights Sub. in Section 21, and two (2) small lots in Section 28.

All above lots in Township 37 South, Range 35 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid for each lot reported above.

MONROE COUNTY—On May 11, 1954, the Trustees considered

offer of \$150.00 an acre from Mr. W. Curry Harris, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Dickson, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Pine Channel lying east of and abutting Lots 2 and 3 of Barry Beach Subdivision, in Section 28, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, containing 1.68 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on May 21, 28, June 4, 11 and 18, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. and Mrs. Dickson at the price offered—\$150.00 an acre.

Mr. Paul Brock, on behalf of Orlando Farming Corporation, offers \$10.00 an acre for 99 acres of land in Section 2, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for sale, subject to competitive bids starting at \$10.00 an acre.

Mr. Hugh F. DuVal, Jr., on behalf of Valhalla Yacht Service, Inc., offers \$150.00 an acre for 11.43 acres of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 35, Township 65 South, Range 33 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, based on the offer from applicant.

Mr. Wayne Gray offers \$300.00 an acre for three (3) parcels of lake bottom land in Lake Conway, in Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, applied for on behalf of adjoining upland owners, as follows:

R. P. Perkins—0.61 of an acre, \$183.00
 Carolyn E. Remp—0.72 of an acre, \$216.00
 Lindsey S. Perkins—0.70 of an acre, \$210.00

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize sale in favor of applicants without advertising.

Mr. Hugh N. Peters, on behalf of Mr. Arthur Peters, holder of campsite lease No. 526, makes application for five (5) year extension of said lease from April 3, 1957, so as to justify cost of remodeling

their present facilities. Applicant agrees to pay the same rental—\$50.00 annually—and the lease to carry the same conditions as original. The campsite consists of one acre located on East Arsenicker Key in Section 24, Township 58 South, Range 40 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that Trustees authorize extension of Lease No. 526 as requested under the same terms and conditions.

Mr. Elliot stated that on June 1, 1954, the Trustees authorized the purchase of \$300,000.00 in bonds, with the suggestion that the purchase be delayed pending the outcome of bids to be received within a few days by the State Board of Education on a series of school bonds. The said issue of school bonds has been disposed of, and the following bonds are recommended for purchase by the Trustees:

\$ 16,000.00	Liberty County 4% Jail Certificates
143,000.00	Florida State Improvement Commission 3.30%
	Broward County Revenue Bonds, yield 3.10
141,000.00	U. S. Government bonds at 2.62%.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve purchase of the bonds reported by Mr. Elliot, subject to checking by Mr. Ralph Potts of the State Treasurer's Office.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary.....	\$ 875.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer.....	525.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant.....	450.00
W. R. Culbreath, Attorney.....	200.00
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant.....	400.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk.....	458.34
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk.....	400.00
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer.....	291.67
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent.....	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent.....	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid.....	27.50
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State School Fund.....	11,526.66
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State Board of Conservation.....	11,127.88
Treasurer of U. S. A. For work of U. S. Geological Survey.....	1,962.08
C. C. Land, Boncyle Land, Jay A. Shuler and Winnie D. Shuler, Apalachicola, Fla.	
Refund, Deed No. 20635.....	6,673.30
G. P. Bradford, CCC Franklin County Recording fee and stamps.....	16.70

Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	75.05
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	6.69
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.....	21.50
Wyatt's Business Machines, Tallahassee, Fla.....	3.50
Dell Hart Typewriter Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	19.50
The Geo. D. Barnard Co., St. Louis, Mo.....	406.82
F. Bemdel Tracy & Marion E. Tracy Refund overpayment for Sarasota land.....	150.00
Eleanor Tracy Cochran, Ann Tracy & Bendy Tracy Refund overpayment for Sarasota land.....	150.00
Frank H. Marks, CCC Broward County For 1951 delinquent E.D.D. taxes.....	7.88
TOTAL.....	\$36,042.19

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following bids received from sale of lands under Chapter 18296:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Escambia	5-31-54	2
Lake	6-14-54	27
Liberty	5-10-54	1
Suwannee	10-5-53	2

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Marion County Report No. 146, sale of June 7, 1954, was presented with two irregular bids submitted as follows:

W. R. MacKenzie and R. H. Daniel—Offer of \$1.25 per lot for 168 lots in Hi-Cliff Heights, a subdivision of Section 13, Township 15 South, Range 22 East

George Roddenberry—Offer of \$1.25 per lot for 342 lots in Oakhurst Section One, Section 24, Township 15 South, Range 22 East.

It was recommended that the bids be rejected and price of \$3.00 per lot be placed on the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees reject the bids of Messrs. MacKenzie, Daniel and Roddenberry and authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court to accept \$3.00 per lot if said bidders will raise their bids to that amount.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted,

that the following salaries be approved, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper.....	\$410.84
M. C. Pichard, Secretary-Clerk.....	291.67
TOTAL.....	\$702.51

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

June 29, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated June 22, 1954, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

PINELLAS COUNTY—Mr. Wells presented application from Mr. George W. Wylie, on behalf of Stephen J. Marks and Marian I. Marks, his wife, for purchase of 2.22 acres of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 29, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County. A price of \$200.00 an acre was recommended for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only, as required by law, provided applicant will agree to pay \$200.00 an acre for the land.

SARASOTA COUNTY—Mr. Dick Lee, county attorney, makes application on behalf of Sarasota County, for conveyance of two parcels of submerged land comprising 2.69 acres and 2.32 acres, respectively, in Section 9, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, said land lying adjacent to upland property owned by the county.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to convey the two parcels to the County of Sarasota, for public purposes only, subject to the land being advertised for objections only.

SARASOTA COUNTY—Mr. Russell Snow, on behalf of Cocoa Ocean Beach Company, makes application for quitclaim deed from the Trustees to Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 46, Cocoa Ocean Beach Subdivision, Section 34, Township 24 South, Range 37 East. It was explained that although the lots are bayward of the meander they are landward of the original high water mark and the Trustees have no equity in the lots. Mr. Wells recommended that quitclaim be issued as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of quitclaim deed in favor of Cocoa Ocean Beach Company conveying the lots described.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District for spoil area in St. Lucie River, comprising that terminal part of a certain peninsula extending into the south prong of St. Lucie River, lying northwesterly of Government Lot No. 8, Section 17, Township 38 South, Range 41 East, Martin County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of the District and issue spoil area easement covering the parcel described.

Mr. Elliot presented Resolution No. 205 adopted by Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District June 10, 1954, requesting the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to join with the Everglades Drainage District and Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District in a survey of the mineral interests held by the Trustees and the Districts in order to exchange and consolidate such mineral interests. Mr. Elliot stated that to do this work would require employment by the Trustees of two men for a year at least, having a knowledge of land and land description; that since 1911 oil and mineral reservations have been placed in over five thousand deeds conveying state land proper, and something over 120,000 deeds issued under the Murphy Act since it came into effect.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the matter be left to the Governor and Mr. Elliot to work out.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Gulf Oil Corporation that the Trustees execute Division Order covering Gulf Oil Corporation, et al —State of Florida Lease No. 340, Well #1—Forty-Mile Bend Field, Dade County. The execution of such order will enable the company to commence payments of royalties as provided in said lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of Division Order, the Attorney General having stated that said instrument was in order for execution.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of refund warrant in amount of \$25.04 in favor of Nathan Zemel, representing overpayment on purchase of Okeechobee County land.

Mr. Elliot reported as information that work is progressing on Lake Miccosukee, although they have run into some difficulty as to material encountered and it may be necessary to make an experiment before undertaking the work in order to determine whether or not it will be feasible to build the dam; that further report will be made as the work progresses.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following report of bids received for sale of land under Chapter 18296:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date of Sale</i>	<i>No. of Bids</i>
Jackson	6-28-54	1
Osceola	6-14-54	19
Taylor	6-14-54	5
Volusia	6- 7-54	4

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Request was presented for deed to correct error in description of Dade County Deed No. 4324-EDDJ-Corrective, dated March 4, 1952, and the Attorney General's office has approved issuance of such deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of Dade County Deed No. 4324-EDDJ-Corrective-Supplemental, to Thomas McDougall, C. S. Caldwell, W. E. Walsh, Grayce D. Latus, and W. S. Walsh, as members of the last Board of Directors and as statutory Trustees of the Assets of the Pittsburgh Miami Finance Corporation.

Mr. Elliot called attention to two particular cases where the Guide of Procedure under the Murphy Act has been departed from to a minor extent; that the prescribed time for holding sales is not less than thirty (30) days and not more than forty (40) days after date of publication; that in the cases in question the sales were held within twenty-one days from date of advertisement—several years ago—and grantees from the state desire to know if such irregularity affects their deeds; that he knows of no way except by Legislative Act to validate said deeds.

Mr. Elliot recommends that where the requirements of the Statute have been complied with and a minor or trivial departure from the guide of procedure as issued to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, as agent for the Trustees, has occurred in the conduct of the sale or the published notice thereof, and the bid has been accepted, the deed executed and delivered to the state's grantee, such departure shall be deemed to have been waived and such departure shall in no way affect the regularity of issuance or the validity of said deed, or the title granted thereunder; that to definitely cure any possibility of defect, on account of minor error in advertising dates, the Trustees authorize preparation of a bill for the next Legislature, validating all sales of Murphy Act lands where the sale was held twenty-one (21) days or more after date of publication.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve the recommendations of Mr. Elliot as the action of the Board and authorize preparation of a bill to be presented to the next legislature for validating all such deeds.

The State Road Department requests conveyance of Lot "A", Block 128, Orange Blossom Park, Duval County, Florida. It was explained that the Road Department has its Baldwin maintenance warehouse located on the site and has owned the property since 1939.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the Lot "A", Block 128, to the State Road Department under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

**TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
JULY 1, 1952 TO JUNE 30, 1954**

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand July 1, 1952		\$ 592,688.64
Redemption of Bonds	\$ 210,000.00	
Land Sales Under Contract and Mortgages		
Chapter 610 Acts of 1855:		
Payments on Contracts	\$ 990,775.07	
Payments on Mortgages	16,359.75	1,007,134.82
Cash Land Sales		
Chapter 610 Acts of 1855:		
Cash Sales	242,057.92	
Chapter 14717 Acts of 1931:		
Cash Sales	3,140.00	
Chapter 14572 Acts of 1929:		
Cash Sales	731.00	245,928.92
Lease Rentals		
Cash Rentals	550,755.68	
Accrued Interest—Bond Purchase		2,004.13
Taxes Receivable		
Payments on Taxes	8,245.97	
Interest Income		
Interest on Past Due Accounts..	9,738.87	
Interest on Securities	105,952.68	115,691.55
Miscellaneous Income		
Sale of Trustee Minutes	304.87	
Fees Issuing Quitclaim Deeds..	1,067.55	
Refunds of Expenses	728.06	
Refunds of Taxes	5.92	
Overpayments of Accounts	6,168.69	8,275.09
Total Receipts for the Period		2,148,036.16
Total Brought Forward and Receipts		2,740,724.80

DISBURSEMENTS**Capital Accounts**

Securities Purchases	810,599.87
Furniture and Fixtures	919.50
Acquisition of Land	7,340.29
Co-Op Project No. 1, Excavation	11,725.57
Co-Op Project No. 1, Pumping Facilities	13,868.00
Co-Op Project No. 2, Pumping Facilities	6,524.58
Co-Op Project No. 3	10,720.09
Co-Op Project No. 4	2,674.39
	864,372.29

Accrued Interest—Bond Purchase 2,871.03

Operating Expenses

Salaries—Secretary's Office ...	82,486.56
Professional Fees—Secretary's Office	2,342.09
Expenses—Secretary's Office ...	14,845.42
	99,674.07

Non-Operating Expenses

Drainage Taxes	\$ 58,154.35
Principal of State School Fund.	378,094.19
General Revenue Fund 3%	58,292.14
U. S. Geological Survey Cooperative Account	9,300.00
State Board of Conservation ...	167,527.23
Lake Conway Survey	319.00
Lake Apopka Survey	1,703.29
Acquisition of Land for Capitol Center	276,692.90
Installation of Elevator and Air Conditioner; Renovating Old Senate and House Chambers...	570,610.98
Pelican Bay Corporation	1,490.00
Overpayments of Accounts	6,132.65
Refunds of Revenue	12,757.42
	\$1,541,074.15

**Total Disbursements for
Period** \$2,507,991.54

**Balance Cash on Hand
June 30, 1954** \$ 232,733.26

**TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
UNDER CHAPTER 18296 ACTS OF 1937
JULY 1, 1952 TO JUNE 30, 1954**

RECEIPTS

Cash Land Sales and Miscellaneous Receipts	\$ 168,169.72
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DISBURSEMENTS

All Receipts Deposited to General Revenue Fund Under Chapter 25068, Acts of 1949	\$ 168,169.72
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Operating Expenses**Paid from General Revenue Fund**

Salaries	\$ 15,849.72
Expenses	2,563.65
	\$ 18,413.37

Non-Operating Expenses**Paid from General Revenue Fund**

Refunds of Revenue	\$ 338.32
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**TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
UNDER UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
COOPERATIVE ACCOUNT
JULY 1, 1952 TO JUNE 30, 1954**

RECEIPTS

Contributions from Counties and Local Units	\$ 9,300.00
Contributions from Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund..	9,300.00
	\$18,600.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Cost of Work Performed by United States Geological Survey Engineers	\$18,600.00
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